

1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
3 MIAMI DIVISION
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5 FARHAD AZIMA,
6 Petitioner,
7 vs. Case No.:
8 INSIGHT ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH LLC 1:22-MC-20707
9 AND SDC-GADOT LLC,
10 Respondents.
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14 Videotaped 30(b)(6) Deposition of
15 SDC-GADOT LLC
16 by and through its Corporate Representative
17 AMIT FORLIT
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1 Videoconference 30(b)(6) deposition
2 of SDC-GADOT LLC, by and through its Corporate
3 Representative, AMIT FORLIT, taken in the
4 above-entitled cause pending in the United
5 States District Court, for the Southern
6 District of Florida, Miami Division, before
7 BRENDA MATZOV, CSR NO. 9243, at the David
8 Intercontinental Hotel, Tel Aviv, Israel,
9 and simultaneously in the Zoom participants'
10 remote locations, on Wednesday, the 20th
11 day of July, 2022, at 11:09 a.m. Israel
12 Daylight Time.
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1	WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022
2	11:09 A.M. ISRAEL DAYLIGHT TIME
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4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Today's date
5	is July 20th, 2022. The time on the video
6	monitor is 11:09 a.m.
7	This is the videotaped deposition
8	of Amit Forlit, in the matter of Farhad
9	Azima versus Insight Analysis and Research
10	LLC and SDC-Gadot, being heard in the United
11	States District Court, Southern District
12	of Florida, Case No. 1:22-MC-20707.
13	This videotaped deposition is
14	taking place in Tel Aviv, Israel, as well
15	as parties are attending remotely.
16	Would the counsel present in
17	Tel Aviv please voice-identify themselves
18	and whom they represent.
19	MR. BEHRE: Good morning, Kirby
20	Behre, on behalf of Farhad Azima.
21	MR. BARET: Morning. Elan Baret,
22	on behalf of SDC-Gadot and Insight.
23	MR. HERBERT: Ian Herbert, on
24	behalf of Farhad Azima.
25	THE COURT REPORTER: Dominic?
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1 MR. HOLDEN: Dominic Holden, on
2 behalf of Farhad Azima.
3 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Something is
4 making noise. I don't --
5 THE COURT REPORTER: Let's go off
6 the record for a second.
7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Can we go --
8 off the record at 11:11.
9 (Recess from 11:11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
10 Israel Daylight Time.)
11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on record
12 at 11:15.
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14 HAYA SHAVIT-KEDAR
15 and
16 RUCHIE AVITAL,
17 the interpreters, were duly affirmed
18 to translate from English to Hebrew
19 and from Hebrew to English.
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21 (The following proceedings were
22 conducted through the interpreters,
23 unless otherwise indicated, and
24 excluding colloquy.)
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1 AMIT FORLIT,
2 called as a witness, was examined
3 and testified under penalty of
4 perjury as hereinafter set forth.
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6 EXAMINATION
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. Good morning, Mr. Forlit.
9 A. Good morning.
10 Q. Would you please state your full
11 name for the record?
12 A. Amit Forlit.
13 Q. And how old are you?
14 A. Soon 55.
15 Q. And where are you a resident in?
16 A. In Israel.
17 Q. What countries are you a citizen
18 of?
19 A. Only Israeli citizenship.
20 Q. So you're here today to testify
21 on behalf of SDC-Gadot LLC; is that correct?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. And is that a Florida corporation?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And is that your company?

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: I will ask
2 counsel to please stipulate that, in lieu
3 of formally swearing in the witness, the
4 reporter will ask the witness to acknowledge
5 that their testimony will be true under the
6 penalties of perjury, that counsel will not
7 object to the admissibility of the transcript
8 based on proceeding in this way, and that
9 the witness has verified that he is Amit
10 Forlit.
11 Counsel, do you agree?
12 MR. BEHRE: Agreed.
13 MR. BARET: Agreed.
14 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Forlit,
15 do you hereby acknowledge that your testimony
16 will be true under the penalties of perjury
17 and do you affirm that the testimony you
18 are about to give in this deposition will
19 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing
20 but the truth?
21 THE WITNESS: Yes.
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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And is Insight Analysis and Research
3 LLC also your company?
4 A. No.
5 Q. How about Insight GSIA, is or was
6 that your company?
7 A. No.
8 Q. How about Gadot Information Services,
9 is that your company?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. Who owns Insight Analysis and Research,
12 if not you?
13 A. A gentleman who manages my finances.
14 His name is Omri Gur Lavie.
15 Q. And what about Insight GSIA, who
16 owns that?
17 A. If I recall, his name is Effi
18 Lavie.
19 Q. And do you have any ownership
20 interest in Insight Analysis and Research
21 LLC?
22 A. I don't have an interest in the
23 ownership. But I am partner to its management.
24 Q. And what management position do
25 you hold?

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1 A. This is -- I'm not quite sure
2 I understand. This is a wallet company.
3 Almost every decision that is made is
4 made by me.
5 Q. A wallet company?
6 A. The company was established
7 mainly because there was a problem
8 transferring monies from Dubai to Israel
9 at that time. And at the request of
10 Mr. Page, two companies were established
11 in the United States to facilitate the
12 transfer of money.
13 Q. Okay. Okay. Well, we'll get
14 a little more into that later.
15 You know who I am -- right? --
16 Kirby Behre?
17 A. "Kin."
18 Q. And you've known my name for
19 many years, haven't you?
20 A. That's correct.
21 Q. And you know my client Farhad
22 Azima's name; right?
23 A. I've heard of him. Yes.
24 Q. And you've known that name for
25 many years too; right?

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. Okay. So in preparation for your
3 testimony today, you said that you reviewed
4 some documents; is that correct?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. And what have you reviewed to
7 prepare for your testimony here today?
8 A. Affidavits given by Stuart Page.
9 Q. Okay. Anything else?
10 A. Bank accounts. Invoices for --
11 for Stuart Page.
12 Q. And when you say "bank accounts,"
13 what are you referring to specifically?
14 A. I wanted to see when we first
15 charged for the work concerning Khater
16 Massaad.
17 Q. And when you say "the work
18 regarding Khater Massaad," did that include
19 anything having to do with Farhad Azima?
20 A. The name of Farhad Azima came up
21 throughout all the years the investigation
22 was being carried out, in a number of
23 transactions which were suspected of
24 being illegal that we investigated.
25 But the client or the representatives

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And when do you think you first
3 heard the name Farhad Azima?
4 A. So at the start of the investigation
5 of Gadot Israel, which is also known as
6 Gadot Information Services, we learned that
7 the subject of the investigation was a man
8 named Dr. Khater Massaad. Khater Massaad
9 was referred to your firm by your client
10 Farhad Azima.
11 Q. And do you recall what year you
12 learned that name -- the name of Farhad
13 Azima?
14 A. Because I reviewed some of the
15 material in preparation for today, I --
16 I would say it was in March 2015, early
17 2015.
18 Q. And in conjunction with your
19 investigation of Farhad Azima, was the
20 name Project Beech used?
21 MR. BARET: Objection. Form.
22 THE WITNESS: I have never
23 investigated Farhad Azima. The
24 investigation was of Dr. Khater Massaad.
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1 of the client, especially at the beginning
2 of the investigation, said that Farhad
3 Azima served as a mediator or a go-between
4 between them and Khater Massaad. And
5 that's why neither we nor the client were
6 asked to investigate Farhad Azima -- were
7 asked not to investigate Farhad Azima.
8 Q. What's the business of SDC-Gadot
9 LLC?
10 A. In Gadot SDC, as well as in Insight,
11 there's no business activity other than to
12 serve as a conduit to transfer money to Gadot
13 Israel.
14 And the issue or the matter was
15 because Stuart Page, according to him, received
16 the money directly in a bank account in Dubai
17 from the ruler Ras Al Khaimah -- RAK.
18 THE INTERPRETER: I'm sorry?
19 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
20 THE COURT REPORTER: It's here.
21 It's here.
22 THE INTERPRETER: RAK. Okay.
23 Yeah. Okay.
24 THE WITNESS: "The head of the
25 tent." This is what -- the meaning.

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1 THE INTERPRETER: "The head of
2 the tent?"
3 THE WITNESS: Ras Al Khaimah
4 is the "head of the tent."
5 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.
6 THE WITNESS: And in order to
7 transfer the money to us, he had to transfer
8 it first to Hong Kong and then to transfer
9 it to Israel. In the early years, we
10 experienced very serious problems in the
11 transfer of the money. And, consequently,
12 Stuart asked or -- either Stuart or his
13 person in charge of finance to simplify
14 and streamline it by opening companies
15 in the United States.
16 BY MR. BEHRE:
17 Q. And what was or is the business
18 of Gadot here in Israel?
19 A. Are you referring to the Israeli
20 company Gadot Israel or the Florida company?
21 Q. The Israeli company, which I
22 understand you're now saying was using
23 the U.S. entity to transmit funds.
24 A. Gadot Israel is a firm for crisis
25 management that uses the collection of

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1 and from investigations. For example,
2 by participating in chat rooms and
3 investigations of pretext and --
4 pretext and monitoring, all this data
5 that is collected is analyzed by analysts.
6 Q. And by "pretext," do you mean
7 misrepresentations by individuals about
8 who they are to get information?
9 Correct?
10 A. So every -- so as far as I'm
11 concerned, pretext -- every -- every case
12 should be judged separately. But it could
13 involve hanging out in a bar and overhearing
14 a conversation or talking to someone.
15 Anything -- I consider anything
16 where you don't introduce yourself and say
17 I am so-and-so and I am investigating is
18 what I would consider pretext.
19 Q. And you also used the term
20 "monitoring."
21 What is it you're monitoring?
22 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
23 THE INTERPRETER: "Surveillance"?
24 THE WITNESS: "Surveillance."
25 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

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1 data, data analysis, and recommendations
2 for actions to be taken by their customers.
3 Q. And in your role with Gadot, has
4 Gadot ever had in its possession stolen
5 data, including stolen e-mails?
6 A. The answer to that question is
7 a little bit problematic. Because the
8 analysts of Gadot sometimes use information
9 that has been leaked to various websites
10 such as WikiLeaks. Sometimes e-mails
11 that were stolen have been published.
12 So to say that we don't use
13 stolen e-mails in our data collection
14 or as part of our data collection, that
15 would not be accurate. But I can say --
16 but I can say that Gadot Israel does
17 not steal data and does not do anything
18 criminal in its activities involving --
19 in its work here in Israel.
20 Q. When you mentioned analysts
21 at Gadot, what specifically is the role
22 that analysts play in the company?
23 A. In many cases, we get from
24 customers too and from open sources --
25 also from collecting from open sources

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1 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
2 THE INTERPRETER: The word should
3 have been "surveillance."
4 BY MR. BEHRE:
5 Q. And "surveillance," you mean
6 human --
7 THE INTERPRETER: Physical
8 surveillance -- I'm sorry -- he -- he --
9 he explained.
10 He said: "Physical surveillance."
11 MR. BEHRE: Okay. Thank you.
12 THE INTERPRETER: Actually
13 surveilling someone.
14 BY MR. BEHRE:
15 Q. Following someone without them
16 knowing it, is that an example of surveillance?
17 A. Yes. That's an example.
18 Q. So just to jump back, you said
19 you looked at some bank statements; is that
20 correct?
21 A. My own.
22 Q. Okay. And by your own, which
23 company are you talking about?
24 A. Gadot SDC and Insight.
25 Q. And which banks are those?

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1 A. Insight in Bank of America and
2 Gadot at Citibank.
3 Q. Okay. And in addition, you
4 mentioned reviewing invoices in preparation
5 for your testimony.
6 Who are those invoices to and from?
7 A. The invoices from Insight and from
8 Gadot in the U.S. to Stuart Page in the Beech
9 case.
10 Q. And could you spell "Beech," please,
11 for the record?
12 A. Sometimes we got it wrong. But I
13 think it's B-e-e-c-h.
14 Q. (Not translated.) So the intent
15 is "beach" like the ocean and not "beech"
16 like the tree?
17 A. (In English.) No.
18 (Translated.) It was Stuart Page
19 who chose the name.
20 (Last question translated.)
21 THE WITNESS: I think his initial
22 intention was to the tree. But we might
23 have got the spelling wrong.
24 BY MR. BEHRE:
25 Q. In addition to the bank statements

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1 and the invoices, what else did you review
2 to prepare for your testimony?
3 A. I spoke to my attorneys about
4 the legal proceedings we've been involved
5 in until now.
6 Q. Yeah. I'm just asking you about
7 documents now, not -- not discussions.
8 A. In this case, there was a security
9 protocol that was dictated by the customer
10 not to preserve any documentation in the
11 case.
12 Q. And who was the customer?
13 A. RAK.
14 Q. And was Stuart Page a customer?
15 A. Stuart Page asked to meet me --
16 I think it was March 2015.
17 And he told me that the ruler
18 wanted him to -- wanted to investigate
19 the illegal activities of Khater Massaad.
20 And according to what Stuart told me, his
21 work was directly vis-a-vis the ruler. And
22 the payment he received, according to what
23 Stuart said, was also -- also came directly
24 from the account of the ruler rather than
25 some company.

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1 Throughout the entire investigation,
2 we would call the ruler "the boss." That
3 was his nickname. But my actual customer
4 was Stuart Page.
5 Q. Okay. And you said that the
6 customer dictated the policy of not
7 preserving documents; correct?
8 A. That's what Stuart Page told
9 me. I never met the boss.
10 Q. And, again, by "boss," you mean
11 the ruler; right?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. And what were the documents that
14 were created but were not retained?
15 A. Approximately every month, but
16 not always, and based on the findings of
17 the investigation, we would produce a report.
18 The report had an executive summary
19 at the beginning. And this was followed by a
20 breakdown of the findings of the investigation.
21 And we would send these reports using the
22 method that Stuart described quite accurately
23 in his affidavit to Stuart.
24 Stuart always asked, from the
25 beginning, that we leave the report in

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1 an open format for two reasons. The first
2 one was that he said that our English was
3 beneath contempt. And he would also add
4 sections to the report involving investigations
5 that he did that had nothing to do with us.
6 Q. Did you draft or write any portion
7 of those reports?
8 A. The report was prepared by the
9 staff of analysts. I would review the
10 report before it was sent out, sometimes
11 make corrections or changes.
12 Q. And when you say the "staff of
13 analysts," who were those people specifically?
14 A. This was a staff of people who
15 worked for Gadot. And for reasons of
16 privacy, I will not state their names.
17 Q. And what are the reasons of
18 privacy that you can't disclose the
19 employees of your company?
20 A. First and foremost, this
21 investigation relates to Gadot U.S.A.
22 and to Insight. And these employees
23 are not employees of Gadot or Insight.
24 And, secondly, some of them
25 have security clearances here in Israel.

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1 Some of them came from the various security
2 systems, Israeli security systems.
3 Q. Well, as I understand your
4 testimony, the payments that were made
5 to SDC-Gadot were payments for the work
6 of Gadot here in Israel; correct?
7 A. Correct.
8 Q. And, therefore, the work of
9 SDC-Gadot directly relates to Gadot?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. So I'm asking you for the names
12 of the employees who prepared the report --
13 or reports I should say.
14 A. I understood your question. But
15 I will not answer that question.
16 Q. Okay. Well, that's not a -- it --
17 it's not a valid reason not to answer.
18 MR. BEHRE: And if you want to
19 interject anything -- I mean, we can --
20 MR. BARET: Well --
21 MR. BEHRE: -- go to the Court.
22 But --
23 MR. BARET: Well, I -- I disagree
24 with your analysis, with all due respect.
25 I don't think Gadot --

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1 THE INTERPRETER: (Comment in
2 Hebrew.)
3 MR. BARET: Gadot SDC did not
4 have any employees. And Gadot -- and the
5 subject of this deposition is for Gadot SDC,
6 not for Gadot Israel. So he -- he decided
7 not to answer. And you can -- you can make
8 a note of that.
9 MR. BEHRE: Are you instructing
10 him not to answer?
11 MR. BARET: I'm not instructing
12 him anything. He made a decision. And
13 I'm not instructing him to answer. [sic]
14 MR. BEHRE: Okay.
15 MR. BARET: You didn't hear me --
16 MR. BEHRE: In addition --
17 MR. BARET: I'm sorry. You didn't
18 hear me instructing him not to answer; right?
19 Just so we're clear. I'm not instructing
20 him not to answer.
21 MR. BEHRE: But you're not
22 instructing him to answer?
23 MR. BARET: He's -- he's a
24 grown man. If he doesn't want to answer,
25 that's his choice.

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. So in addition to the bank
3 statements, the invoices, did you look
4 at anything else to prepare for today?
5 A. No.
6 Q. Well, you indicated before we
7 started that you had documents in front
8 of you -- correct? -- that included Stuart
9 Page's declaration or declarations?
10 A. Yes. These are Stuart Page's
11 declarations. And these are lists which
12 I made for myself to assist myself in
13 reconstructing the proceedings that we've
14 been through so far.
15 Q. (Not translated.) Could you
16 tell us what statements you have in front
17 of you by date --
18 THE INTERPRETER: Statements?
19 BY MR. BEHRE:
20 Q. (Not translated.) -- and title?
21 THE INTERPRETER: Statements?
22 MR. BEHRE: Witness statements.
23 Affidavits.
24 (Pending question translated.)
25 THE WITNESS: I have Stuart's

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1 affidavit from the 7th of January, 2022.
2 And an additional one by Stuart from the
3 7th of February.
4 I also -- I also had the affidavit
5 of Majdi Halabi. But I don't seem to find
6 it here. I probably left it in my office.
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. So in front of you you have two
9 affidavits of Stuart Page; right?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. And you also have some handwritten
12 notes you made; correct?
13 A. Correct.
14 Q. And those are one page or more?
15 A. More. Eleven.
16 Q. And in addition to the things
17 we've just discussed, is there anything
18 else document-wise you looked at to
19 prepare for your testimony?
20 A. No.
21 Q. Have you ever reviewed any of
22 the pleadings in Farhad Azima's U -- U.K.
23 case?
24 A. (Translated.) Not -- not in
25 the last few days. But I am familiar

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1 with these proceedings, with this claim
2 or this action that Farhad Azima is
3 conducting versus Nick Del Rosso --
4 (In English.) NDR.
5 (Translated.) -- NDR.
6 Q. And so you've looked at -- at
7 pleadings involving the Azima versus Del
8 Rosso case in the United States?
9 A. Yes. I've been through the
10 pleadings. And many times journalists
11 from Reuters approached me. And I think
12 that I'm pretty well familiar with these
13 proceedings.
14 Q. And when Reuters approached you,
15 did you speak with them?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. And what was the name of the
18 reporter?
19 A. Raphael Satter.
20 MR. BEHRE: I think that's
21 Satter, S-a-t-t-e-r.
22 THE INTERPRETER: Satter?
23 MR. BEHRE: Satter. Yeah.
24 THE INTERPRETER: Satter.
25 THE WITNESS: It's like Beech

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1 is both a tree and a seashore.
2 BY MR. BEHRE:
3 Q. In preparation for your testimony
4 here today, have you spoken to anyone to
5 gain information about which you can
6 testify?
7 A. No.
8 Q. Have you spoken to Stuart Page
9 about your testimony here today?
10 A. No.
11 Q. When's the last time you spoke
12 with Stuart Page?
13 A. I estimate that it's been about
14 seven, eight months since we last spoke.
15 Q. When did you last communicate
16 with him?
17 And by that, I mean text or
18 e-mail or messaging app.
19 A. I can check that and provide
20 an accurate reply.
21 Q. Just a rough estimate?
22 A. Seven, eight months.
23 Q. Okay. What about his assistant
24 Caroline Timberlake, when's the last time
25 you spoke with her?

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1 A. In my opinion, I haven't spoken
2 to her in about two years.
3 Q. And when's the last time you
4 communicated with her, again, text, e-mail,
5 or messaging app?
6 A. The same answer.
7 Q. What about Neil Gerard, did you
8 talk to him in preparation for your testimony
9 here today?
10 A. In my view, the last time I spoke
11 to Neil Gerard was in that meeting that
12 I described in -- which took place in
13 Switzerland.
14 Q. And when's the last time you
15 communicated with Neil Gerard? And I
16 can keep repeating it. But text? E-mail?
17 A. First of all, throughout the --
18 all the -- all these years, I did not have
19 a direct connection or direct communication
20 with Neil Gerard.
21 My opinion -- my evaluation is
22 that, ever since the first trial that took
23 place between Farhad Azima and the client
24 in London, I did not speak to him, I did
25 not meet him, I did not correspond with him.

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1 Q. But there was a time you met with
2 Neil Gerard at Dechert's offices in London;
3 right?
4 A. All along the time that this
5 procedure is being run, I believe I've
6 been in Dechert's office once or twice
7 in London. It can be checked in the
8 log-in of Dechert, because it's been
9 verified.
10 Beyond my meetings with Neil
11 at Dechert, I believe that, in the last
12 four or five years of conducting this
13 case, I met Neil perhaps another ten
14 times. I have never met Neil without
15 Stuart's presence. And that's it as
16 far as Neil is concerned.
17 Q. Now, you indicated the Dechert
18 log-in system for visitors, it's been
19 verified.
20 What did you mean by that?
21 A. When you come to visit their
22 offices -- when you come to visit their
23 offices, you have to present some document
24 of identification. And then they issue for
25 you a magnetic card, which you use throughout

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1 your visit to open the doors, to open the
2 elevator -- I don't remember.
3 Q. And you've also visited with Neil
4 Gerard at your apartment at the Metropolitan
5 Hotel in London too; correct?
6 A. (Translated.) Once or twice,
7 a few times -- I don't remember exactly --
8 Neil came to meetings which were held in
9 the apartment. But these meetings as well
10 were attended by Stuart Page.
11 And this -- and this apartment
12 is a room in a hotel. It's not as if I
13 have an apartment there.
14 (In English.) I wish I had.
15 Q. It would be a very expensive
16 apartment.
17 A. (In English.) Also to rent.
18 Q. Yeah. And, finally, have you
19 ever visited Gerard at his home?
20 A. Never.
21 Q. Now, what about Jamie Buchanan,
22 did you speak with him about your testimony
23 here today?
24 A. No.
25 Q. When's the last time you spoke

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1 with him?
2 A. I estimate something like
3 ten months. That's my estimate. Even
4 before I became aware that there's some
5 proceedings here against me.
6 Q. And when's the last time you
7 communicated with him?
8 A. After I learned about the
9 testimony that Stuart gave, I -- I
10 communicated with him not directly,
11 but via his attorney.
12 Q. And who is his attorney?
13 A. A woman -- a woman by the
14 name of Sue or something like that,
15 in England, in --
16 Q. In --
17 A. -- the U.K.
18 THE INTERPRETER: "A women
19 by the name of Sue or something like
20 that in the U.K."
21 BY MR. BEHRE:
22 Q. What about the ruler, when's
23 the last time you spoke with him?
24 And did you talk to him to
25 prepare for your testimony today?

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1 A. In all my 55 years of existence,
2 I have never spoken to the ruler nor met
3 him.
4 Q. Have you ever communicated with
5 him in text, e-mail, or messaging?
6 A. Never. Never.
7 Q. How about Amir Handjani, did you
8 talk to him to prepare for your testimony?
9 A. Same answer as for the ruler.
10 In all my 55 years of existence,
11 I never met him. I never spoke to him.
12 I never communicated. I don't know him.
13 Q. And did you attend the trial
14 of Farhad Azima in London in 2019?
15 A. No.
16 Q. Were you in London at the time?
17 A. I don't recall. I can check
18 that. I don't think so.
19 Q. Did you meet with any of the
20 parties on behalf of RAK who were at that
21 trial at the time they were in that trial?
22 A. I don't think so. I don't think
23 so.
24 I believe I did meet with Stuart,
25 because I had a very close contact with --

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1 very close connection with Stuart. I don't
2 think it was at the time of the proceedings.
3 I -- I have something to add.
4 I went over a few more documents
5 in preparation to this testimony, which I
6 forgot to mention before. I took out from
7 the Ministry of Interior all the dates of
8 my exits and entries into the country in
9 order to refresh my memory as to these
10 visits or trips.
11 Q. Exits and entries from which
12 country?
13 A. Only from Israel. Because I
14 possess an Israeli passport. That's
15 the only -- the only thing that could
16 be checked.
17 Q. And why did you look at that
18 information to prepare?
19 A. Because, when I read the affidavit
20 by Majdi Halabi, I did not remember some of
21 the meetings that he described as me being
22 in attendance. So I wanted to check whether
23 at all I had been present in the places as
24 he was describing it.
25 Q. And did you receive a printout

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1 from the Israeli Ministry about your travel?

2 A. Yes. Every citizen can do that.

3 Q. And do you have a copy of that
4 with you today?

5 A. I have it in the mail. I can
6 have it printed if you want.

7 Q. Okay. We'd appreciate that.

8 A. My attorney will provide you
9 that in reference to the specific dates.

10 Q. (Not translated.) Now, going
11 back to the people you might have spoken
12 with to prepare for your testimony, did
13 you -- did you speak with anyone from
14 Karv Communications, such as Andrew
15 Frank, before you --

16 THE INTERPRETER: From Karv?

17 BY MR. BEHRE:

18 Q. (Not translated.) -- testified
19 here today?

20 THE INTERPRETER: Karv -- Karv
21 Communications?

22 MR. BEHRE: Karv, K-a-r-v.

23 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

24 (Pending question translated.)

25 THE WITNESS: Just like my

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1 previous answer, I have never met him.

2 I don't know him. I have never communicated
3 with him.

4 BY MR. BEHRE:

5 Q. And how about David Hughes?

6 A. I have met David Hughes when he
7 was working at Dechert. And I believe that
8 the last time I met him was in that meeting
9 in Cyprus, which is described in Stuart's
10 affidavit. I have never communicated with
11 him directly, neither before nor after, and
12 not indirectly either.

13 Q. Okay. And how about Majdi Halabi?

14 A. The last time I spoke to Majdi
15 Halabi was after he submitted his affidavit.

16 After I have learned about his
17 affidavit from the Reuters reporter, I
18 called him. And he refuted, he denied
19 that he had provided such an affidavit.
20 And when I saw -- when I saw it, I -- I
21 cut my connections with him. And since
22 then, I have not spoken to him.

23 Q. When's the last time you
24 communicated with him by text, e-mail,
25 or messaging service?

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1 A. It was a telephone conversation.

2 And I believe it was close to the date
3 that he had submitted his affidavit. And
4 since then, I had no communication with
5 him whatsoever.

6 Q. (Partially translated.) Okay.
7 How about the U.K. lawyer, Lucy Ward, did
8 you speak with her before you testified
9 here today?

10 THE COURT REPORTER: "Lucy."

11 THE INTERPRETER: What's her
12 name? Lucy Ward. Lucy Ward.

13 (Remainder of pending question
14 translated.)

15 THE WITNESS: I don't know this
16 lady. And I've never spoken to her.

17 BY MR. BEHRE:

18 Q. Have you ever communicated with
19 her in any other way?

20 A. No.

21 Q. How about Nicholas Del Rosso,
22 did you speak with him before you
23 testified here today?

24 A. Same answer.

25 In all my 55 years of existence,

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1 never met, never heard, never spoken, don't
2 know.

3 Q. But you've certainly heard of him;
4 right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Now, seriously, in the beginning
7 of the investigation, I learned that Nick
8 Del Rosso was recruited and he's working
9 on the case in parallel to us but on
10 different -- other issues.

11 I remember that Stuart Page
12 was deeply offended that Nick Del Rosso
13 is being employed. And he was told that
14 Nick's employment had been suspended.

15 And the next time we encountered
16 the name of Nick Del Rosso, we were told
17 that he was making the connection between
18 a company that was studying the materials
19 leaked from Farhad Azima and the customer,
20 the client.

21 THE COURT REPORTER: "And" or
22 "in"?

23 THE INTERPRETER: "And the client."

24 BY MR. BEHRE:

25 Q. The connection between a company

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1 that was?
2 A. He made a connection to a company
3 that was analyzing materials, the materials
4 that had been leaked from Farhad Azima.
5 Q. And what was the name of that
6 company?
7 A. I -- I don't remember. Once
8 again, all my information comes from
9 Stuart.
10 Q. What about an investigator by
11 the name of Craig Thomas, did you speak
12 with him to prepare for your testimony
13 here today?
14 A. I don't even have the faintest
15 clue who this person is. Until now, I
16 recognize the names. But this one ...
17 Q. What about Patrick Grayson?
18 A. I heard about him. Never spoken
19 to him, never met him, never communicated
20 with him.
21 Q. Was he involved in Project Beech,
22 if you know?
23 A. No. Not to my knowledge.
24 Q. Did you speak with Paul Robinson
25 to prepare for your testimony here today?

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1 A. I heard about Paul Robinson from
2 Stuart Page, even in the course of the
3 meetings held by Stuart Page with Robinson.
4 But I don't know him. I haven't spoken
5 to him. And that's it.
6 Q. In preparation for your testimony
7 here today, have you spoken to anyone else
8 affiliated with Dechert, the law firm?
9 A. No.
10 Q. (Not translated.) And how about
11 anyone from Stewarts Law, the law firm in
12 the U.K. that represents RAK?
13 A. "Lo."
14 (Pending question translated.)
15 THE WITNESS: No.
16 MR. BEHRE: RAK is all -- all
17 caps, R-A-K.
18 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
19 THE INTERPRETER: No. No.
20 THE COURT REPORTER: He wants to
21 smoke an electronic cigarette.
22 BY MR. BEHRE:
23 Q. It's not good for your health.
24 We're not going to do that here.
25 A. No, this is good for my health.

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1 Q. You -- you received -- or I should
2 say S -- SDC-Gadot received a subpoena for
3 documents; correct?
4 A. After a long time after servicing
5 the documents to somebody in Florida, I
6 learned that they had been requested to
7 provide documents.
8 MR. BEHRE: After servicing the
9 documents to somebody in Florida?
10 THE INTERPRETER: After -- after
11 the servicing -- serving the -- the -- the
12 subpoena, I imagine. Serving, not servicing.
13 Serving. Serving. Sorry. Sorry. Serving.
14 MR. BEHRE: Okay. Let me just
15 ask the question again.
16 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.
17 BY MR. BEHRE:
18 Q. Do you recall receiving a subpoena
19 for documents from SDC-Gadot in conjunction
20 with the Florida case?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And are you aware that, in response
23 to that, no documents were produced?
24 A. I am aware that my bank said --
25 did send them the documents -- my documents

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1 that he was requested -- that the bank was
2 requested to submit. And immediately after
3 learning about the subpoena, I recruited
4 the services of my attorney here in order
5 to defend myself in respect to the substance
6 of the subpoena. And only recently did I
7 determine what I am supposed to produce and
8 what I'm -- I'm not.
9 Q. But you would agree that, in
10 preparation for your testimony here today,
11 you reviewed documents that would be required
12 to be produced under that subpoena; correct?
13 A. Okay. In the first subpoena,
14 they required documents connected to the
15 American companies and to the connection
16 to -- the connection to Stuart Page in
17 the connection of the investigation of
18 Farhad Azima. And since there was no
19 investigation against Farhad Azima, or
20 of Farhad Azima, my initial interpreting
21 was that I have no documents to submit,
22 since I did not investigate Farhad Azima.
23 But pretty soon, they started to
24 submit more and more requests to the Court,
25 which go well beyond the initial request.

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1 So to the best of my understanding,
2 we submitted an opposition, an objection
3 to these requests. And, finally, the --
4 the agreement was that in -- following
5 the initial -- the first subpoena, I
6 would be deposed here in Israel.

7 And, once again, I will say
8 that I have no connection. I have
9 never investigated Farhad Azima.

10 (Exhibit 1 marked.)

11 BY MR. BEHRE:

12 Q. I'd like to show you --

13 MR. BEHRE: Do you have a copy
14 for counsel?

15 BY MR. BEHRE:

16 Q. I'd like to show you what we've
17 marked as exhibit --

18 MR. BEHRE: Do you have a binder
19 clip or something? Do you have one? Thank
20 you. Yeah.

21 BY MR. BEHRE:

22 Q. Showing you what's been marked --
23 pre-marked as Exhibit No. 1. That's a copy
24 of the subpoena that I believe was served
25 on SDC-Gadot LLC for documents.

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1 Could you take a look at that
2 and see if you've seen that before?

3 A. (Examining.) I -- I don't
4 remember.

5 But I do recall that, at some
6 stage, the gentleman whose names -- whose
7 name appears here -- I think it's Shimon
8 Goldenberg [sic] -- is a person I don't
9 know personally, by the way -- he called
10 and he said that he had received a lot
11 of documents and that we should come and
12 see them. He said he had been trying
13 to e-mail us the documents but that the
14 e-mail had bounced.

15 And when I corrected him --
16 because he had written ".com" instead
17 of ".co.il" -- the -- the documents
18 arrived.

19 In actual fact, the first
20 time I -- I received the documents
21 was a long time after they had been
22 initially sent. I think my attorney
23 related to this in one of his responses
24 to the Court.

25 Q. And by "the documents," you're

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1 talking about the subpoena, not the
2 documents in response to the subpoena;
3 right?

4 A. Yes. That's correct.

5 Q. (Translated.) And if you
6 would look, please, at page -- page 8
7 of 39. So if you look at the number
8 in the upper right-hand corner, page 8.

9 (Not translated.) And just
10 directing your attention to paragraph
11 21, it describes the scope of the
12 subpoena as covering not just Farhad
13 Azima but also others, including
14 Khater Massaad.

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. (Partially translated.) And
18 the documents that you've indicated you've
19 reviewed in preparation for your testimony
20 included SDC-Gadot's bank records, as well
21 as invoices; right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And those --

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Let her
25 translate.

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:

2 Q. And those would be responsive
3 to the subpoena, wouldn't they?

4 A. That's correct.

5 Q. And in addition, you indicated
6 you reviewed other documents as well;
7 correct?

8 A. Bank statements.

9 Q. And what about -- what about
10 the corporate records of SDC-Gadot, did
11 you look at those before you testified?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And by that, I'm referring to
14 the -- the documentation you file with
15 the Florida Secretary of State every
16 year or so.

17 A. I did not review them.

18 Q. And you would agree, wouldn't
19 you, that they would be responsive to
20 this subpoena as well; right?

21 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)

22 MR. BARET: Just -- just for the
23 record, you have those documents. You --
24 you provided it to us. Would you like us
25 to send it back to you? Because the only --

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1 other than some of these documents that you
2 provided to us, there is no records, for
3 the record.
4 MR. BEHRE: I don't -- I don't --
5 I don't know if that's true or not.
6 MR. BARET: Oh. So I'm telling
7 you he doesn't have any records. So nothing
8 was produced because -- nothing was produced
9 because there are no records other than what
10 you already have.
11 MR. BEHRE: Well --
12 MR. BARET: But if you want
13 us to produce those records to you, even
14 though you have them, which is Sunday's
15 (phonetic) record, we can do that.
16 MR. BEHRE: I don't know if
17 they're the same as what I've got or
18 not. He indicated he has bank records.
19 He indicated he has invoices.
20 MR. BARET: Only what --
21 MR. BEHRE: I don't see --
22 MR. BARET: -- was produced --
23 MR. BEHRE: -- those.
24 MR. BARET: -- to us by you.
25 So the bank -- actually, you have

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1 more bank records than what he does. Because
2 you got the subpoena from the bank. And,
3 actually, some of the records we've got is
4 from whatever you produced and received by
5 issuing a subpoena to Bank of America and
6 Citibank.
7 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
8 THE COURT REPORTER: Wait. Wait.
9 She has to translate the --
10 THE INTERPRETER: I have to --
11 THE COURT REPORTER: -- last answer.
12 THE INTERPRETER: I have to --
13 His answer was: "I'm not especially
14 proficient in the procedural matters."
15 THE WITNESS: Our bank accounts
16 were closed in August or September of 2021.
17 And we don't have access to the bank.
18 So the subpoena -- the -- the
19 subpoena that you're referring to is much
20 more comprehensive than what we have because
21 we only kept documents in a sporadic fashion.
22 And regarding the invoices for
23 Stuart Page, I would assume -- I assume
24 that you have copies of them from Stuart
25 Page, because he's cooperating with you

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1 very well.
2 BY MR. BEHRE:
3 Q. Well, just because you assume
4 we have something doesn't mean you're
5 not obligated to produce them if they're
6 in your possession.
7 A. So I apologize. And I will
8 review, once again, what I have.
9 MR. BARET: I -- I don't think
10 bank records were requested in the subpoena.
11 Can you please direct me where
12 you are requesting bank records?
13 MR. BEHRE: Well, I'm not
14 testifying, so no.
15 MR. BARET: No, so I'm just --
16 for the record, the subpoena you -- you --
17 MR. BEHRE: It's --
18 MR. BARET: -- are showing --
19 MR. BEHRE: -- all records regarding
20 the company, which would include bank records,
21 tax records, for example.
22 BY MR. BEHRE:
23 Q. Do -- does SDC-Gadot file any
24 taxes in the U.S.?
25 A. It filed returns.

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1 Q. And where do they file those --
2 where does the company file those tax
3 returns?
4 A. I have to check. But I would
5 guess it's in Florida.
6 Q. And those would be responsive
7 to this subpoena, wouldn't they?
8 A. I'm not sure. I just have --
9 I have to go back and check.
10 Q. (Not translated.) And Ari Propis
11 is the accountant for SDC-Gadot; is that
12 right?
13 THE INTERPRETER: R.E.?
14 MR. BEHRE: Ari, A-r-i. Propis.
15 THE INTERPRETER: Propis.
16 MR. BEHRE: P-r-o-p-i-s.
17 THE WITNESS: No.
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. What is his role, if any, with
20 regard to SDC-Gadot?
21 A. Ari Propis has no position
22 whatsoever in SDC-Gadot. He just liaised
23 for us and connected us so we could open
24 the bank account.
25 Q. Who prepared the company's tax

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1 returns?
2 A. There is an accountant. I'd
3 have to ask the financial person. I
4 don't remember his name.
5 Q. And who's the financial person
6 you'd have to ask that of?
7 A. Omri.
8 Q. Who's Omri?
9 A. Omri Gur Lavie. He's our finance
10 person.
11 Q. And does SDC-Gadot pay taxes to
12 the U.S. Government as best you know?
13 A. I -- I know that we filed returns
14 and that all income and expenses were reported
15 in the jurisdictions in which we had to do
16 so. Whether taxes were or were not paid,
17 I would have to check.
18 Q. (Not translated.) And who keeps
19 the business expenses for the company?
20 THE INTERPRETER: What do you
21 mean by "keeps"? Records?
22 MR. BEHRE: Keeps the business
23 expense records.
24 THE INTERPRETER: Who records.
25 Okay.

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1 (Pending question translated.)
2 THE WITNESS: The accountant.
3 BY MR. BEHRE:
4 Q. And the accountant is who?
5 Gur Lavie?
6 A. If you give me a few minutes --
7 it's a U.S. CPA. He's a U.S. CPA that
8 works from Israel. If you give me a few
9 minutes, I can check on my phone and --
10 and I'll get back to you with that.
11 Q. But it's not Mr. Gur Lavie? It's
12 somebody else?
13 A. He's the financial director. But
14 he doesn't work vis-a-vis the authorities.
15 There's an accountant, and that's his job.
16 I'm the one that authorizes all expenses.
17 Q. Are there any other documents
18 that are filed on behalf of SDC-Gadot
19 with any Government agency that you
20 know of?
21 A. No.
22 Q. Are there any filings that
23 SDC-Gadot makes with any banking authority
24 that you know of in the U.S.?
25 A. What do you mean by "documents"?

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1 You mean like opening a bank account?
2 Q. Any sorts of filings or forms
3 or applications or anything submitted to
4 a bank.
5 A. So the only bank that we actually
6 banked with in America was Citibank. We
7 tried to work with Chase Manhattan. But
8 it didn't work out. So we may have filed
9 some forms there at one point, but -- with
10 Chase Manhattan.
11 Q. Chase Manhattan refused to open
12 an account for you?
13 A. No. They did open an account.
14 I don't recall exactly why -- there was
15 some kind of limitations or something.
16 But we just -- it wasn't convenient for
17 us to work with them.
18 Q. (Not translated.) Have you
19 ever had any bank account frozen in
20 the U.S.?
21 A. No.
22 Q. (Not translated.) Has any
23 U.S. Government body ever tried to
24 obtain information about your bank
25 accounts, as best you know?

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1 A. (In English.) No.
2 (Translated.) No.
3 Q. (Not translated.) So in the --
4 in the document subpoena that you have
5 in front of you, Exhibit No. 1, it asks
6 in -- on page 9 of 39 -- so the numbering
7 is in the upper right-hand corner.
8 Under 1.a, the -- it asks for
9 all reports.
10 Do you see that?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. And are those the reports you
13 referenced as having not been retained?
14 A. No, we have no reports on Azima,
15 because we didn't do any reports on Azima.
16 Q. So it is your testimony that there
17 was no report that mentioned Farhad Azima?
18 A. No. In my opinion, there were
19 reports that mentioned Azima -- Farhad
20 Azima, not as the subject of an investigation,
21 but as someone whose name came up in the
22 investigation. And as I said earlier, no
23 reports were preserved. So everything that
24 I'm saying now about this is from memory.
25 Q. So is it your testimony that the

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1 reports that mentioned Azima didn't reflect
2 any investigation by your company of Azima?
3 A. My company did not investigate
4 Farhad Azima. So my company investigated
5 Dr. Khater Massaad.
6 In some of the transactions that
7 Khater Massaad was involved in, other people
8 were involved, like members of the republican
9 guard in -- Revolutionary Guard in Iran,
10 like other people that were involved in
11 these transactions. And their names were
12 mentioned. And Farhad Azima's name came
13 up in some of the transactions.
14 Q. (Not translated.) Did you ever
15 use any human intelligence resources to
16 obtain information about Farhad Azima?
17 A. We -- some of the sources
18 included human intelligence sources.
19 Some of the sources that involved human
20 intelligence mentioned the name Farhad
21 Azima in -- in the context of the
22 investigation into Khater Massaad.
23 The first source in this case
24 told us that Farhad Azima brought Khater
25 Massaad to your firm to represent him.

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1 Q. And so your source was a source
2 close to Farhad Azima; correct?
3 A. It -- it would be more correct
4 to say he was close to your firm.
5 Q. And who was that source?
6 A. I'm sorry. I can't divulge that.
7 Q. And on what basis will you not
8 divulge that?
9 A. Based on privilege.
10 THE INTERPRETER: I don't know
11 if "privilege" is the right word to use.
12 I think "privilege" is only attorney-client.
13 "But based on privilege of the
14 source or maintaining the privacy of the
15 source."
16 BY MR. BEHRE:
17 Q. (Not translated.) Well, I don't --
18 I don't think that's a valid basis. And
19 I'd ask and instruct the witness to answer.
20 MR. BEHRE: Counsel?
21 MR. BARET: You can do whatever
22 you want.
23 THE WITNESS: "Ma"?
24 MR. BARET: Do you want to
25 disclose the source?

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1 You can -- you can answer.
2 THE WITNESS: I don't want to
3 disclose the source.
4 BY MR. BEHRE:
5 Q. (Not translated.) I appreciate
6 you don't want to. But this is a legal
7 proceeding. And you're required to disclose
8 it. And if it's -- if you refuse to do it,
9 we'll have to go to the Court and seek the
10 Court's approval to require that disclosure.
11 And that will require you to come back.
12 A. There was a gentleman who presented
13 himself as a member of the PR staff of your
14 firm who told the story in a -- kind of a
15 friendly social context.
16 Q. And who was the person with the
17 PR firm?
18 A. I don't recall his name.
19 Q. And was the PR person at my firm
20 or someone that was hired by my firm?
21 A. I don't recall.
22 Q. The -- the subpoena for documents
23 also asks you for an engagement letter
24 relating to Mr. or -- Mr. Azima or the
25 project.

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1 Do you see that?
2 A. We never had an engagement
3 letter with Stuart.
4 Q. (Not translated.) It's your
5 testimony you've never had an engagement
6 letter with Stuart Page?
7 A. To the best of my recollection,
8 we did not have an engagement letter with
9 Stuart.
10 (Comment in Hebrew.)
11 THE COURT REPORTER: Ruchie.
12 MR. BARET: Can we have a short
13 break?
14 THE INTERPRETER: "When are we" --
15 MR. BARET: He needs a cigarette --
16 THE INTERPRETER: "Are we going
17 to have a smoking break?"
18 MR. BARET: -- and a bathroom
19 break.
20 MR. BEHRE: We can have an
21 e-cigarette break right now. That would
22 be fine.
23 MR. BARET: All right. So 15?
24 THE INTERPRETER: Do we have to
25 keep working --

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1 MR. BARET: 10?
2 THE INTERPRETER: -- if we're not --
3 MR. BARET: 10, 15 minutes, it's
4 good?
5 MR. BEHRE: Yeah. Does he have
6 to go all the way downstairs? So probably.
7 THE WITNESS: No.
8 MR. BARET: I don't know. Is
9 there a balcony?
10 MR. BEHRE: We better go off the
11 record for that discussion.
12 MR. BARET: Is there a --
13 THE COURT REPORTER: One moment.
14 MR. BEHRE: 10 minutes.
15 THE COURT REPORTER: One moment.
16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
17 record at 12:38.
18 (Recess from 12:38 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
19 Israel Daylight Time.)
20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on record
21 at 1:00 o'clock.
22 (Exhibit 2 marked.)
23 BY MR. BEHRE:
24 Q. I'd like to next show you what
25 we've marked as Exhibit No. 2 and see if

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1 you can identify what these are.
2 For the record, it's a collection
3 of corporate records from the State of
4 Florida regarding your company SDC-Gadot.
5 A. (Examining.)
6 Q. Have you had a chance to look at
7 those documents?
8 A. Yes, now.
9 Q. And are they the corporate records
10 for STD -- SDC-Gadot LLC from the State of
11 Florida?
12 A. It seems so. Yes.
13 Q. (Not translated.) And for the
14 record, the first document is the Articles
15 of Organization for SDC-Gadot, filed on
16 October 18th, 2017.
17 A. (In English.) Okay.
18 Q. The next document contained in
19 this exhibit is the annual report filed
20 on April 29, 2018.
21 The next exhibit --
22 A. (In English.) Okay.
23 (Translated.) Okay.
24 Q. The next exhibit is the annual
25 report filed on January 21st, 2019.

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1 Do you see that?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And next is the annual report
4 for SDC-Gadot filed on April 11th, 2020.
5 Do you see that?
6 A. (In English.) Okay.
7 (Translated.) Okay.
8 Q. And the next one is the annual
9 report for SDC-Gadot filed on February
10 3rd, 2021.
11 Do you see that?
12 A. Yes. They're pretty well --
13 Q. And then finally --
14 A. -- organized.
15 Q. (Not translated.) And then,
16 finally, do you see the annual report that
17 was filed for SD -- SDC-Gadot on January
18 27th, 2022?
19 THE INTERPRETER: 27? January --
20 MR. BEHRE: Yes.
21 THE INTERPRETER: -- 27?
22 MR. BEHRE: January 27, 2022.
23 (Pending question translated.)
24 THE WITNESS: Okay. Yes.
25 //

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. So this is the articles of
3 incorporation [sic] filed in 2017 and
4 the annual reports up to this year 2022;
5 right?
6 A. Okay.
7 Q. Looking at the Articles of
8 incorporation -- or of -- of Organization --
9 apologies -- which is the first page
10 of the exhibit, it indicates a mailing
11 address in Miami, Florida.
12 Do you see that?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. And whose address is that?
15 A. I imagine that this is the agent
16 through which we set up the company, because
17 we had to provide a -- an address, a local
18 address.
19 Q. And do you know who lives at the --
20 this address?
21 A. No.
22 Q. And if you look at the second
23 page of this exhibit -- or I'm sorry --
24 the second page of this document, the
25 Articles of Organization for October 18,

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1 2017, there's an electronic signature
2 affixed to it.
3 Do you see that?
4 A. Aah, yes.
5 Q. And that electronic signature
6 purports to be yours; correct?
7 MR. BARET: Here. (Indicating.)
8 The back of the page. It just says:
9 "Amit Forlit."
10 THE WITNESS: I'm looking for it.
11 MR. BARET: The second page.
12 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
13 It's not a manual signature, not
14 a handwritten signature.
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. Right.
17 It's an electronic signature.
18 A. I don't recall. But it would
19 seem so.
20 Q. So do you -- do you see the page
21 that I'm asking about? It's -- turn to the
22 page that has the exhibit sticker on it.
23 MR. BARET: This one. (Indicating.)
24 The -- the back of this page.
25 //

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. And flip it over.
3 A. Aah. "Po."
4 Q. And it indicates that your
5 electronic signature was affixed to
6 this document; correct?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. And did you electronically
9 sign this document?
10 A. I assume I did. I do not recall.
11 Q. Okay. And this document was filed
12 electronically with the State of Florida;
13 correct?
14 A. Correct.
15 Q. Now, going to the first annual
16 report dated April 29, 2018.
17 Do you see that?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. And it indicates on the signature
20 line -- again, electronically signed -- that
21 you signed as the CEO of the company.
22 Is that correct?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And if you go to the next one
25 from January 21st, 2019, again -- again,

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1 you electronically signed here, indicating
2 that you are the, quote, "Owner," end
3 quote --
4 A. (In English.) Okay. "Kin."
5 Q. -- of the company; correct?
6 A. Okay. Yes.
7 Q. And did all -- were all those
8 documents filed electronically with the
9 State of Florida, as best you know?
10 A. Yes.
11 Q. And did you authorize the
12 submission of all these documents on
13 behalf of SDC-Gadot LLC in Florida?
14 A. I assume I did.
15 Q. And it -- the -- the first
16 page indicates -- that is, the Article
17 [sic] of Organization indicates that
18 your registered agent in the State of
19 Florida is Shimon Goldberger; is that
20 correct?
21 A. I assume it is.
22 Q. Did you hire Mr. Goldberger
23 and his company SRSI Management, Inc.,
24 to represent SDC-Gadot in Florida?
25 A. I don't recall such a thing.

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1 Q. Do you know who Mr. Goldberger
2 is?
3 A. Only recently, when he made
4 contact with us in order to send us the
5 subpoena, I have learned of his existence.
6 To the best of my knowledge, we did not
7 hire him and we did not pay him. We used
8 his address when setting up the company.
9 Q. And when you signed electronically
10 the Articles of Organization, it indicates
11 on the document you electronically signed
12 that your registered agent was Shimon
13 Goldberger. And he too affixed an
14 electronic signature.
15 Do you see that?
16 A. I see it. But I simply do not
17 remember.
18 Q. And looking at the annual report
19 from April 29, 2018, the current principal
20 place of business has changed. And now
21 it indicates an address in New York.
22 Do you see that?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And the address is West 210
25 89th Street in New York City; correct?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And in -- in one place says
3 Apartment 1K. And in another place,
4 it says apartment K1.
5 Do you know which is correct?
6 A. I believe it to be the same.
7 Q. Who lives at that address?
8 A. A friend of mine.
9 Q. What's your friend's name?
10 A. Elad Lev Ran.
11 Q. Could you spell the last name?
12 A. L-e-v, dash, R-a-n.
13 THE INTERPRETER: No. "Revach."
14 "Space."
15 THE WITNESS: For -- simply for
16 the purpose of receiving mail. Because,
17 once again, I do not know what was the
18 first address. So we changed the address
19 so, when the bank would send documents,
20 they would arrive.
21 BY MR. BEHRE:
22 Q. And, for example, where did the
23 Citibank records get mailed to?
24 A. As far as Citibank is concerned,
25 mostly they would send a debit card. But

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1 the rest of the documents was usually sent
2 via the application, the app.
3 Q. And did they send those -- did
4 they send the debit cards to New York or
5 to Miami?
6 A. No. They sent it to Israel.
7 I had a fraud event with my card.
8 So I canceled the card. And they sent me
9 a new card, which they sent to Israel.
10 Q. And the fraud on the card was
11 for a debit card?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. Who actually used those debit
14 cards during the life of this account at
15 Citibank?
16 A. I did.
17 Q. Did anyone else use those cards?
18 A. With the exception of the fraud
19 case --
20 Q. Yes.
21 A. -- nobody else.
22 Q. So all the purchases, then, that
23 would be indicated in the bank statements
24 for Citi that were made on the debit card
25 would have been your personal charges;

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1 correct?
2 A. These are not personal expenses.
3 These are company expenses.
4 Q. (Not translated.) And so when
5 you purchased a Porsche in Pennsylvania,
6 was that a business expense or a personal
7 expense?
8 THE INTERPRETER: When you acquired
9 what? Sorry.
10 MR. BEHRE: Porsche.
11 THE INTERPRETER: Porsche, the car?
12 (Pending question translated.)
13 THE WITNESS: I never bought a
14 Porsche in Pennsylvania.
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. Okay. We'll get to that.
17 What e-mail addresses were
18 associated with SDC-Gadot, if any?
19 A. I believe "amit001@me.com."
20 Q. And in addition, did you ever
21 use "amit@gadot.com"?
22 A. No. No. I used "amit@gadot.co"
23 [sic] not ".com."
24 Q. Did anyone else associated with
25 SDC-Gadot use a e-mail address that ended

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1 with "@gadot.co"?
2 A. I believe no.
3 Q. Did you receive an e-mail from
4 Mr. Goldberger, attempting to resign as
5 your registered agent?
6 A. Could be. I don't recall.
7 Q. Do you recall he threatened to
8 resign?
9 A. I -- I remember he sent something
10 that he was being pestered by all these
11 subpoenas that are being sent to him. And
12 he -- he asked us to put a stop to it.
13 But since we did not receive them,
14 we did not know what to answer.
15 I understood belatedly that what
16 he had written was "com" instead of "co"
17 and that's why we did not get these mails.
18 Q. Now, during the course of this
19 litigation in Florida, you've submitted
20 two affidavits; is that correct?
21 A. I assume yes.
22 Q. And one of those affidavits was
23 signed by you on May 12th, 2022. And the
24 second was signed by you on June 1st, 2022.
25 Do you recall that?

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1 A. Yes.
2 (Exhibit 3 marked.)
3 BY MR. BEHRE:
4 Q. I'd like to next show you what's
5 been marked as Exhibit No. 3.
6 MR. BEHRE: Do we have a stapler
7 by any chance?
8 THE COURT REPORTER: Moshe, go off.
9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record
10 at 1:19.
11 (Recess from 1:19 p.m. to 1:21 p.m.
12 Israel Daylight Time.)
13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the
14 record at 1:21.
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. So looking at Exhibit 3 -- and
17 when I say Exhibit 3, I'm talking about
18 the sticker that says Exhibit 3. And,
19 unfortunately, the document happens to
20 have typed on it "Exhibit 2," which is
21 from the court case. So apologies for
22 that confusion.
23 But this is Exhibit 3.
24 A. (Examining.) Okay.
25 Q. Are those the two affidavits

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1 that you submitted to the Court in Florida?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And were each of those affidavits
4 filed electronically, as indicated in the
5 top of the doc -- of each affidavit?
6 A. I assume they did.
7 Q. Directing your attention to the
8 first affidavit that you signed on May the
9 12th, 2022 -- so it's the second page of
10 the exhibit.
11 A. Okay.
12 Q. And it indicates in the second
13 paragraph -- numbered paragraph:
14 "I do not reside in the State
15 of Florida."
16 A. Correct.
17 Q. And it says:
18 "I do not reside in the United
19 States."
20 Do you see that?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Have you ever resided in the
23 State of Florida?
24 A. Only as a tourist. I never
25 resided there.

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1 Q. Have you ever resided in the
2 United States?
3 A. No.
4 Q. Have you ever purchased a
5 vacation home in the United States?
6 A. No.
7 Q. Have you ever attempted to
8 purchase a vacation home in the United
9 States?
10 A. No.
11 Q. Did you ever form an LLC to
12 purchase a vacation home in the United
13 States?
14 A. No. I bought once a caravan,
15 an RV.
16 Q. Did you ever form an LLC with
17 your wife in an effort to buy a vacation
18 home somewhere in the United States?
19 A. (Translated.) I set up an LLC
20 with my wife in order to buy a caravan,
21 not --
22 (In English.) "RV."
23 (Translated.) -- not a vacation
24 home. An RV.
25 (In English.) Recreational vehicle.

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1 Q. What was the last part? Sorry.
2 THE INTERPRETER: "An RV."
3 THE WITNESS: RV. Rec --
4 THE INTERPRETER: Recreational --
5 THE WITNESS: Recreational --
6 THE INTERPRETER: -- vehicle.
7 THE WITNESS: -- vehicle.
8 THE INTERPRETER: An RV.
9 BY MR. BEHRE:
10 Q. And when -- when was that?
11 A. I believe it was in 2012. And
12 then when we -- maybe 20 -- or maybe 2014.
13 THE INTERPRETER: He adds.
14 THE WITNESS: And when we divorced
15 in 20 -- the end of 2017, beginning of
16 2018, as part of the divorce arrangement,
17 I transferred to her the ownership of the
18 RV.
19 BY MR. BEHRE:
20 Q. And while you owned the RV, where
21 was it stored when it was not being used?
22 A. It was in use about one month
23 or one month and a half per year. And
24 we would store it in the place that we
25 would be -- we would be arriving at.

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1 Q. And what state was that?

2 A. I believe we visit -- visited

3 something like 30 states, like all over

4 the place.

5 Q. Was it ever stored in the State

6 of Florida?

7 A. I don't believe so.

8 Q. Where would --

9 A. Because we were more in -- on the

10 west.

11 Q. And where -- from what state were

12 the license plates obtained from?

13 A. I don't -- I honestly don't remember.

14 Q. In what state did you purchase the

15 RV?

16 A. New Jersey.

17 Q. Now, you indicate in the third

18 paragraph of this affidavit dated May 12,

19 2022, that SDC-Gadot LLC:

20 "Has not conducted business in

21 the State of Florida."

22 Do you see that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Is that an accurate statement?

25 A. I believe it is.

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1 Q. And when you say you -- it --

2 the company "has not conducted business

3 in the State of Florida," what do you mean?

4 A. That we did not do any business

5 in the State of Florida. We -- we did not

6 carry out any investigation. And we did

7 not conduct any business activity.

8 Q. Did you engage in any financial

9 transactions that involve the State of

10 Florida?

11 A. Please define if -- what you mean

12 by the "State of Florida."

13 Like, if somebody in Florida made

14 a payment to me, does this mean that it

15 involves the State of Florida?

16 Q. Did you give or receive any funds

17 from an entity or person in the State of

18 Florida?

19 A. Possibly. I do not remember.

20 Q. And you indicate, at the end

21 of paragraph 3, that SDC-Gadot:

22 "Has not conducted any business

23 in years."

24 Correct?

25 A. Well, what I mean by that is,

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1 since the closure of the account about

2 a year and a half ago, maybe even a

3 little before that -- sadly, since the

4 beginning of COVID -- I do not recall

5 any activity after that.

6 Q. When is the last time that

7 SDC-Gadot conducted business?

8 A. I believe -- I believe before

9 the summer of 2021. 2020 maybe.

10 Q. And what business was conducted

11 in 2020?

12 A. I think collecting funds from

13 somebody who was owing me money. But it

14 was not an activity per se.

15 Q. So you would agree receiving

16 funds is conducting business; correct?

17 A. It's a -- it's a business

18 transaction of the account, not of the

19 company. The company did not carry out

20 any -- any activity.

21 Q. Well, the statement says that

22 the company "has not conducted any business

23 in years," which clearly suggests that it

24 had conducted business at some point.

25 So what does it mean when you

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1 add to your statement "in years"?

2 A. When I say "in years," we're

3 already talking about two years and more.

4 When COVID started, we practically stopped

5 any operations, also in Gadot in Israel.

6 And my meaning is that there was no work

7 carried -- carried out. If there were

8 some collecting of funds or debts, in

9 my opinion, this is not operations.

10 Q. Looking next at the second

11 affidavit, which you executed on June

12 the 1st, 2022.

13 Do you have that in front of

14 you?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You indicate, in paragraph 3,

17 you had not been in the State of Florida

18 since 2017; correct?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And what were you doing in

21 Florida in 2017?

22 A. I opened a bank account.

23 Q. And which bank account was that?

24 A. The account in Citibank, which

25 is the bank account of SDC-Gadot.

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1 Q. And you came to Florida in 2017
2 solely for the purpose of opening that
3 account or for some other reason?
4 A. I came as a tourist. I visited
5 some friends. And then I took a flight
6 to D.C.
7 Q. And what did you do when you
8 arrived in D.C.?
9 A. I don't recall. I assume that
10 I had business meetings.
11 Q. During that trip in 2017, did
12 you meet with anyone from the Dechert law
13 firm?
14 A. No. I didn't meet anyone in there.
15 The only person I knew from Dechert was Neil.
16 And I didn't meet him in the United States.
17 Q. (Not translated.) Well, earlier
18 you indicated you knew David Hughes as well,
19 who was at Dechert; right?
20 A. David Hughes worked at Stewarts
21 Law before that, before I knew him.
22 Q. Well, where did he work first,
23 Dechert or Stewarts Law?
24 A. When I met him, he was working
25 at Stewarts Law. And I was told that,

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1 previously, he had worked at Dechert.
2 Q. (Not translated.) Okay. Now,
3 in paragraph 3 as well, you say the last
4 time you were in the United States was 2019.
5 What were you doing in the U.S.
6 in 2019?
7 A. I was on a trip in the Yosemite
8 National Park and went up to Canada. I
9 was with my partner.
10 Q. You indicate, in paragraph 6,
11 that you are an investigator and you
12 were hired by Stuart Page to, quote:
13 "Run intelligence gathering
14 services."
15 End quote.
16 Do you see that?
17 A. I'm looking -- looking for it.
18 Yes, I see it.
19 Q. Are you considered a private
20 investigator?
21 A. Among other things, yes.
22 Q. Are you registered as a private
23 investigator here in Israel?
24 A. I'm registered. And I have a --
25 the -- a firm certificate.

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1 Q. Are you -- do you have a license
2 to be a private investigator?
3 A. There are two levels. I'm --
4 I have a private investigator's license.
5 And I have a license to run an -- an
6 investigating firm. I don't actually
7 use them here in Israel.
8 But I have those documents
9 from the Justice Department or Ministry.
10 I don't think I've even renewed those
11 licenses.
12 Q. (Not translated.) Has your
13 license ever been suspended or revoked
14 by the Government of Israel?
15 A. Yes. Yes. I don't even recall
16 why they suspended it. But then they
17 reinstated.
18 Q. And do you recall what year
19 it was suspended?
20 A. 2005 or '6.
21 Q. And did it relate to your
22 involvement in smuggling someone out
23 of the State of Israel who was wanted
24 by the Israeli Government?
25 A. I was accused of that. There

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1 was a trial. I was not found -- I was
2 not convicted. And so my license was
3 restored.
4 Q. So that was the reason your
5 license was suspended?
6 A. I think so. But I don't
7 recall exactly.
8 Q. Who was the person you were
9 accused of smuggling?
10 MR. BARET: Excuse me. How
11 does that relate to SDC-Gadot Florida,
12 which is the purpose of this deposition?
13 MR. BEHRE: It's right in
14 his affidavit. He's claiming he's an
15 investigator. And I'm probing about
16 his license to be --
17 MR. BARET: This is --
18 MR. BEHRE: -- an investigator.
19 MR. BARET: -- not -- this wasn't
20 for SDC Gadot. This affidavit was -- was --
21 was provided to the Court as an objection
22 to deposing personally. It wasn't --
23 MR. BEHRE: It doesn't matter.
24 It's the same case.
25 MR. BARET: No, it's not.

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1 I mean, there is objection to
2 his deposition, which the Court has not
3 ruled yet. We objected for his deposition.
4 And since you came from Washington, I'm --
5 I'm -- I'm sitting quietly and I'm trying
6 not to interfere. But it turns out that
7 you are deposing Amit Forlit as Amit Forlit,
8 which we objected to this deposition. And
9 the Court hasn't ruled yet.

10 And we're here for the purposes
11 of investigating or taking deposition of
12 a representative of SDC-Gadot Florida.

13 MR. BEHRE: Correct.

14 MR. BARET: Now, it happens to
15 be Amit Forlit. But the Court has not
16 ruled as to our objection to depose him
17 personally. And it turns out that this
18 deposition turns to be taking a deposition
19 in his personal capacity, which we are
20 objecting and -- object to. So --

21 MR. BEHRE: In the affidavit,
22 paragraph 5, he specifically references:

23 "SDC-Gadot LLC."

24 In paragraph 6, he says:

25 "I am an investigator."

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1 MR. BARET: This is -- this
2 affidavit was provided in our objection
3 to depose him personally. It wasn't --

4 MR. BEHRE: I'm -- I'm --

5 MR. BARET: We never objected to
6 deposition of SDC-Gadot. We're not objecting
7 to SDC-Gadot. It's a Florida corporation.
8 He happens to be a representative of that
9 corporation. And I request that your
10 questioning will be related to SDC-Gadot
11 and not to Amit personally, as the Court
12 hasn't ruled yet as to your right to depose
13 him personally. If the Court will --

14 MR. BEHRE: Okay. I hear your
15 objection.

16 MR. BARET: -- rules that he can
17 be deposed, then we'll -- we'll come here
18 again. And you can depose Amit Forlit in
19 his personal capacity.

20 BY MR. BEHRE:

21 Q. (Not translated.) Sir, you're
22 aware that the Court ordered you to be
23 deposed in Florida; correct?

24 A. (In English.) Yes.

25 Q. And you know, as a courtesy to

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1 you, we came here; right?

2 A. First of all, I truly appreciate
3 the fact that you came here. As far as
4 the deposition is concerned, we submitted
5 an objection, which has not been answered
6 yet. And like the other people present,
7 we could have done it by Zoom.

8 Q. But it wouldn't have been as
9 intimate as this is.

10 A. That's the reason why I'm happy
11 that you came here.

12 Q. Well, thank you. I'm glad to
13 be here.

14 Whose idea was it to call the
15 project that's the subject of SDG-Gadot
16 [sic] Project Beech?

17 A. Stuart Page idea. [sic]

18 Q. And Stuart Page uses the term
19 "SIGINT."

20 Did SDC-Gadot use SIGINT?

21 A. I can -- I can state the various
22 methods that -- that SDC-Gadot used. But,
23 you know, SIGINT is a -- quite an umbrella
24 term that comes from -- from the field of
25 defense. And on top of that, Gadot SDC did

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1 not use anything. It operated Gadot Israel.

2 Q. (Not translated.) Well, it did
3 operate Gadot Israel, didn't it?

4 Because it facilitated the money
5 that was owed to Gadot Israel and that money
6 ran through Florida; right?

7 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)

8 THE INTERPRETER: (Comment in
9 Hebrew.)

10 May I? I'm not sure you got
11 correctly the --

12 THE COURT REPORTER: No, just --

13 THE INTERPRETER: -- translation.

14 You -- he said that SDC-Gadot was
15 operating Gadot Israel.

16 MR. BEHRE: Uh-huh.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Okay? Okay.

18 (Pending question translated.)

19 THE WITNESS: Yes.

20 BY MR. BEHRE:

21 Q. Did any of the payments that
22 SDC-Gadot received relate to Gadot's
23 use of subcontractors who were located
24 in the United States?

25 A. Not that I can recall.

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1 Q. Did you have any subcontractors
2 in the United States?
3 A. Not subcontractors. I had vendors
4 that I paid, not --
5 Q. And did you have --
6 A. -- subcontractors.
7 Q. Did you have vendors located
8 in the United States?
9 A. I had vendors in the United
10 States. But they are not connected to
11 the case related to Stuart Page.
12 Q. When you were drafting the
13 reports that you spoke about earlier
14 today, did you have an e-mail account
15 you shared with Stuart Page's assistant
16 Caroline in which you created the reports?
17 A. As part of transferring the
18 reports, we had something that was called
19 a DLB, a dead letter box. The reports
20 were sent through that account. But I
21 don't recall who drafted them.
22 Q. But they were drafted by someone
23 under your direction; correct?
24 A. I would assume that yes.
25 Because part of our expertise

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1 was to set the security protocols, because
2 we were experts in cyber-security. So
3 that was why we did it in this way, why
4 it was decided to do it in this way.
5 Q. So if I understand the way the
6 dead letter box works is that you share
7 an e-mail account. And you or someone
8 at your direction writes something in
9 the e-mail. And then Caroline, on the
10 other side, accesses that same e-mail
11 account, because she knows the password
12 too. And then Stuart Page gets the report.
13 A. Basically, yes. But it's much
14 more complicated than that. And there's
15 much more security surrounding it.
16 Q. And why was there so much secrecy
17 and security about these reports?
18 A. So starting from the beginning
19 of the investigation, one of the greatest
20 concerns of the boss was that Khater
21 Massaad had joined forces with someone
22 else or other people in his family and
23 they wanted to topple him.
24 Throughout the investigation,
25 there were bizarre things that occurred

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1 where there was a lack of cooperation
2 with the Emirates, for example, and
3 other authorities. And after all,
4 the boss is the State.
5 So later we discovered that
6 there were other parties who were harming
7 or trying to harm the investigation and
8 the boss. And that's why we set up these
9 security protocols.
10 Q. And part of the objective of
11 your work was to prevent those who you
12 thought was harming RAK from doing harm;
13 right?
14 A. So from -- the investigation
15 concentrated or focused on the criminal
16 activities carried out by Khater Massaad,
17 both business -- in business and in politics,
18 such as, for example, assisting Hezbollah
19 or violating the sanctions on Iran and
20 he -- and the use -- his use of various
21 infrastructures belonging to RAK, the
22 State, in order to commit these illegal
23 activities, criminal activities.
24 In -- among other things, we
25 provided protection. And our work included

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1 protecting -- creating protocols in order
2 to project -- protect the entire environment.
3 The boss was very, very concerned. And he --
4 he refused even to talk on the telephone
5 because he was so concerned.
6 Q. And SDC-Gadot received payments
7 that were, at least in part, for the
8 preparation of those reports; correct?
9 A. (Translated.) So SDC-Gadot
10 received payment for the whole Beech
11 case. And that included the security
12 protocols and --
13 (In English.) The reports.
14 (Translated.) -- the reports.
15 Q. And it also included payments
16 for the work that was reflected in those
17 reports; right?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. Now, as part of your work for
20 which you were paid through SDC-Gadot,
21 you attended two meetings in Cyprus;
22 correct?
23 A. I held more than two meetings
24 in Cyprus.
25 Q. Okay. How many were there?

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1 A. So in this -- I don't recall
2 how many exactly.
3 But in this case, I held meetings
4 about once a month with Stuart and also
5 sometimes with James and Neil, but must --
6 much less frequently than with Stuart.
7 The meetings were held on an as-needed
8 basis, not on a specific day or month
9 or something like that.
10 Cyprus was simply a convenient
11 location because they could stop there
12 on their way from Dubai to England. And
13 for me, it's just a very short flight.
14 Q. So approximately how many meetings
15 were held in Cyprus involving your work
16 for Stuart Page?
17 A. I can estimate about five to
18 ten meetings were held with Stuart in
19 Cyprus.
20 Q. And how many of those were
21 attended by Neil Gerard?
22 A. I think just one.
23 Q. How many were held with David
24 Hughes?
25 A. The same one.

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1 Q. How about with Jamie Buchanan?
2 A. I think, with Jamie Buchanan, we
3 met at least three times over that period
4 in Cyprus.
5 Q. How about Majdi Halabi, how many
6 times did you meet with him in Cyprus?
7 A. Once.
8 Q. And did you meet in Cyprus with
9 at least some of these people on November
10 21st, 2018?
11 A. There was one meeting --
12 MR. BARET: What -- what's the
13 date of the -- the meeting you're referring
14 to?
15 MR. BEHRE: November 21st, 2018.
16 THE INTERPRETER: So I'll just --
17 "There was one meeting in Cyprus.
18 It was a -- a team meeting that -- and
19 Majdi was present for a short part of it,
20 the part that related to him. I -- if I --
21 if I could see Majdi's affidavit, I would
22 be able to tell you exactly when it was."
23 BY MR. BEHRE:
24 Q. So Majdi Halabi's affidavit was
25 accurate on this point?

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1 A. (In English.) If -- if -- if
2 I can see the -- the affidavit, I can
3 refer to it. But --
4 (Translated.) If I could look
5 at it, I could tell you what is accurate
6 and what's not.
7 MR. BEHRE: Okay. I think we're
8 at -- why don't we take our break. It's
9 2:00 o'clock.
10 MR. BARET: Okay.
11 THE INTERPRETER: Good idea.
12 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
13 record at 2:00 o'clock.
14 (Recess from 2:00 p.m. to 3:06 p.m.
15 Israel Daylight Time.)
16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going back on
17 record at 3:06.
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. Okay. I'd like to go back to
20 something we talked about earlier, which
21 relates to Stuart Page's payments to Gadot.
22 Do you know about how much Stuart
23 Page, through his entities, paid to SDC-Gadot?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. Do you know about how much?

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1 A. We have to go back to the records.
2 But in terms of the U.S. companies, it was
3 between two hundred, two hundred and one
4 per month. Relating to this specific case.
5 Because there are other cases as well.
6 Q. Okay. Would it surprise you
7 if, into your Gadot account at Citibank
8 in the U.S., the total amount received
9 from Page Group, Page Group ME, and Page
10 Risk Management totals more than \$2.6
11 million?
12 A. It wouldn't surprise me. And
13 it is not only for this specific case.
14 Q. Okay. How did you first meet
15 Stuart Page?
16 A. I believe it was in 2008 or
17 2007.
18 Q. And how did you meet him?
19 A. I went to London. And I was
20 requested to do some job for him.
21 Q. Requested by who?
22 A. Through a mutual acquaintance
23 for whom I was working at the time.
24 Q. And who is that mutual
25 acquaintance?

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1 A. How is this connected to
2 this case?
3 Q. It's directly related. Stuart
4 Page paid you 2 point -- Stuart Page paid
5 you \$2.6 million into the U.S. account.
6 And I want to know how it is you
7 first came in contact with Stuart Page.
8 A. I met him through a mutual
9 acquaintance. I believe it was Mr. Rafi
10 Pridan.
11 MR. BEHRE: What's the name?
12 THE INTERPRETER: Rafi Pridan.
13 Rafi Pridan.
14 BY MR. BEHRE:
15 Q. And Mr. Pridan's been convicted
16 of hacking, hasn't he?
17 A. I'm not familiar with this.
18 I don't think so.
19 Q. He's been charged with hacking,
20 hasn't he?
21 A. No. To the best of my knowledge,
22 he was not accused of hacking.
23 Q. Okay. And what you -- you said
24 it was 2008 when you first met him?
25 A. I think so.

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1 Q. When were you first hired for
2 Project Beech?
3 A. I believe it was March 2015.
4 Q. So you worked with Stuart Page
5 for approximately seven years before this
6 project; right?
7 A. Not consistently. But between
8 2008 and 2015, on and off.
9 Q. And did your work for Stuart Page,
10 relating to Khater Massaad and the others,
11 such as Farhad Azima, did they go by any
12 other name than Project Beech?
13 A. I was working only on Khater
14 Massaad, as the subject of my investigation.
15 And it went only under Project Beech.
16 Q. Was there ever a time when that
17 investigation was also called Project Oak?
18 A. No. Project Oak is something else.
19 Q. Okay. You testified earlier that
20 you did not have a retainer agreement with
21 Stuart Page; is that correct?
22 A. To the best of my recollection,
23 there was no retainer agreement.
24 Occasionally, when we had problems
25 with funds transferring with Hong Kong,

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1 we would make some arrangements that would
2 pacify the banks. But to the best of my
3 recollection, there was no organized orderly
4 retainer agreement with him.
5 Q. What was the purpose for which
6 you were hired?
7 A. You mean on the Beech Project?
8 Q. Yes.
9 A. As I specified earlier, there
10 were concerns and suspicions on the part
11 of the boss that Khater Massaad was stealing,
12 was causing damage to the State, including
13 assistance given to political opponents,
14 including felonies that would embarrass
15 the boss very seriously vis-a-vis the
16 United States, in terms of violations
17 of the sanctions against Iran.
18 Q. Did your investigation involve
19 at all Karam Al Sadaq?
20 A. The correct name is Karam Al --
21 Karam --
22 THE INTERPRETER: Karam Al --
23 THE WITNESS: -- Al Sadeq.
24 THE INTERPRETER: -- Sadeq.
25 THE WITNESS: Karam. Karam.

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1 THE INTERPRETER: Karam Al --
2 Karama?
3 THE WITNESS: Karam.
4 THE INTERPRETER: Karam Sadeq.
5 THE WITNESS: "Kaf," "aleph,"
6 "mem" -- "resh," "mem."
7 THE INTERPRETER: Karam Sadeq.
8 THE WITNESS: Karam Al Sadeq.
9 THE INTERPRETER: Karam Al Sadeq.
10 THE WITNESS: I also speak Arabic.
11 When we launched our investigation,
12 Karam was already arrested by the authorities
13 of RAK. And we did -- we did get feedback
14 from -- concerning him from the investigation.
15 He had already been investigated by RAK, among
16 other things, concerning offshore companies
17 that he had.
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. The allegations against Al Sadeq
20 were similar to the allegations against
21 Massaad; right? They were related?
22 A. Not -- not exactly.
23 To the best of my recollection,
24 Sadeq assisted in creating the infrastructure
25 for Massaad's activity. But the -- the

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1 initiator was Massaad.
2 Q. Were you present for any of the
3 interrogations of Al Sadaq?
4 A. No. And I've never been to Ras
5 Al Khaimah.
6 Q. And how long did you work on
7 Project Beech for for which payments were
8 received by SDC-Gadot?
9 A. I estimate that it was from the
10 beginning of 2018 and up to April 2020.
11 Q. Right before we went to lunch,
12 we talked about a meeting that you recalled
13 in Cyprus.
14 Do you remember that discussion?
15 A. Yes.
16 Q. And that was on November 21st,
17 2018?
18 A. (Translated.) I have to see
19 the affidavit of Majdi Halabi in order
20 to remember --
21 (In English.) The exact date.
22 (Translated.) -- the exact date.
23 Q. Well, wouldn't your travel records
24 show?
25 A. Yes. But I don't have them with

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1 me right here.
2 Q. Well, I'm -- I'm confused.
3 Because I thought you didn't --
4 you thought Mr. Halabi wasn't telling the
5 truth.
6 But you want to read his witness
7 statement to find out what the truth is?
8 A. Mr. Halabi stated in -- two
9 meetings in his affidavit. One of them
10 was not held. If I see -- if I -- if
11 I see his affidavit, I will see in which
12 meeting -- to which meeting he relates
13 where Mr. Hughes was present. And that
14 is the meeting that did take place indeed.
15 But I need to see the affidavit in order
16 to -- to ascertain that.
17 Q. Well, putting aside the precise
18 day, was it November 2018?
19 A. Once again, I think so.
20 Q. Okay. And that was the meeting
21 where Hughes was present, Gerard was
22 present, Buchanan was present; right?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And Halabi was present?
25 A. In part of it. And Stuart

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1 also.
2 Q. And Stuart Page.
3 What was discussed at that
4 meeting, if you recall?
5 A. It was a coordination meeting
6 concerning the management of the case.
7 One of the subjects was the fact that
8 in the procedure -- or the proceedings --
9 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry.
10 THE WITNESS: -- involving
11 Farhad Azima, Stuart was requested to
12 tell who was it that divulged to him
13 the existence of the leaked materials.
14 Since the -- there was a fear
15 on the part of the client to divulge that
16 an Israeli firm was working for him and
17 that it would be mis-used by his political
18 opponents, we decided that Majdi Halabi,
19 who was working on the case, is the one
20 who will say that he is the one who told
21 Stuart about the leaked information or
22 the leaked files, leaked materials.
23 And I'd like to clarify that,
24 to this day, we do not know who it was
25 who had reported to Stuart the existence

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1 of those leaked documents.
2 BY MR. BEHRE:
3 Q. So when you attended that
4 meeting in Cyprus in November 2018,
5 you were paid by Page -- one of Page's
6 entities to SDC-Gadot; right?
7 A. As I said before, the payment
8 was made for the entire activity on
9 this case, among other things for that
10 specific meeting.
11 Q. And that specific meeting
12 concerned Farhad Azima; correct?
13 A. This was -- this related
14 to a legal proceedings that the client
15 had requested us to refer to, legal
16 proceedings bearing on or touching
17 Farhad Azima.
18 Q. So you were paid to attend
19 the meeting in Cyprus that concerned
20 Farhad Azima; correct?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. Who ran that meeting in Cyprus?
23 A. I think it was Neil.
24 Q. You ran the meeting?
25 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)

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1 THE INTERPRETER: (Comment in
2 Hebrew.)
3 MR. BARET: He said "Neil."
4 THE INTERPRETER: (Comment in
5 Hebrew.)
6 MR. BARET: "Neil."
7 THE INTERPRETER: "Neil." "Neil."
8 MR. BEHRE: Oh. I'm sorry. I
9 thought it was "me."
10 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry. "Neil."
11 MR. BARET: No. "Neil."
12 MR. BEHRE: "Neil."
13 THE INTERPRETER: No. "Neil."
14 BY MR. BEHRE:
15 Q. Okay. So Neil Gerard ran the
16 meeting?
17 Apologies.
18 A. "Kin."
19 Q. And how many -- where did the
20 meeting occur?
21 A. In a conference room of this
22 type in one of the hotels there. But
23 I do not -- don't recall specifically
24 which.
25 Q. How long did the meeting last?

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1 A. I estimate about two hours.
2 Q. Did you stay -- did anybody
3 stay overnight?
4 A. Not that I know of.
5 Q. What did Neil Gerard say the
6 purpose of the meeting was?
7 A. The -- the purpose was the --
8 the coordination of the management of
9 this case generally. And one of the
10 specific subjects was the preparation
11 by Stuart for his testimony in the
12 trial.
13 Q. And by the "management of
14 this case generally," you're referring
15 to the lawsuit involving Farhad Azima
16 and Rakia?
17 A. One of the subjects was that.
18 Q. You also attended a meeting in
19 Switzerland; correct?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Do you recall when that was?
22 A. I believe it was the end of 2019.
23 Q. Was it in December 2019?
24 A. I believe so.
25 Q. Was it at the Hotel Moosegg?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. And who was responsible for
3 booking that hotel and for security
4 arrangements for all the parties to
5 get there?
6 A. Stuart had asked me to organize
7 a meeting under the seal of secrecy that
8 would be secured and secluded.
9 At first I suggested to him
10 to hold it in Israel because, in Israel,
11 it's the easiest for me to arrange the
12 security. Then he asked it to be in
13 Switzerland. So I'm the one who reserved
14 the hotel. I also booked security personnel,
15 cars, vehicles that would drive the people,
16 and all that on Stuart's request.
17 Q. And were all those expenses
18 billed through and paid from Page to
19 SDC-Gadot?
20 A. I assume so. Yes.
21 Q. How long did that meeting at
22 the Swiss hotel last?
23 A. Two or three days.
24 Q. And you rented out the entire
25 hotel for those two or three days; right?

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1 A. It was a hotel that was not
2 active during the week. It was only
3 active on weekends. So there -- that
4 is why it was convenient to -- to book
5 it for our purpose. And it was easy
6 to -- to arrange the security arrangements.
7 Q. And during your stay there, you
8 had a private chef and a private wine cellar
9 to use; right?
10 A. I -- I believe it is a slightly
11 exaggerated or overrated description.
12 Someone was cooking for us. And
13 I personally don't consume alcohol at all,
14 whatsoever. But with the meals, there was
15 also alcohol served.
16 Q. Well, Mr. Gerard likes his wine;
17 right?
18 A. Mr. Stuart likes the honey that
19 he took from the hotel. Each one has his
20 own likings.
21 Q. What was the purpose of the
22 meeting?
23 A. As far as I'm concerned, the
24 purpose was another coordination meeting
25 in the management of this case.

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1 The atmosphere in the meeting
2 was, of course, more homely [sic], more
3 pleasant. And he asked the people who
4 had submitted affidavits to do some sort
5 of rehearsal for the trial.

6 As I personally was no party
7 to this trial, in the parts that related
8 specifically to the trial, I practically
9 did not participate.

10 Q. And the rehearsal of -- the
11 rehearsal of the trial testimony concerned
12 Mr. Page and Mr. Halabi; correct?

13 A. Yes. Correct.

14 Q. And Mr. Gerard too, because
15 he was going to testify at the trial;
16 right?

17 A. I would assume so. I'm not
18 really very well-versed in, you know,
19 what was -- had to do with the running
20 of the trial. I wasn't a party to it --
21 to that case.

22 So -- but yes, I would assume
23 that Gerard also was to give testimony
24 at that trial.

25 Q. And you instructed everybody

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1 personally guard people inside.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And -- and some of the time, I
4 actually let them go eat and I took over
5 for them.

6 Q. Were you present when Mr. Halabi
7 was rehearsing his testimony?

8 A. I don't recall. It's possible
9 for part of the time. But I -- I don't
10 recall specifically.

11 Q. You're the one that asked Halabi
12 to be involved in the case; isn't it true?

13 A. Halabi was involved in this case
14 long before 2018 or '19 or whenever it was.
15 Halabi, in fact, covered very large parts
16 of areas in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia.
17 And he was well-versed in the details of
18 the case.

19 It might have been me or perhaps
20 it was him who suggested this minor detail
21 that the leaked information was on the
22 Internet.

23 Q. And you say that's a minor detail.

24 But that was a big issue in the
25 case, wasn't it?

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1 that attended the meeting to leave their
2 phone home or to turn it off when they
3 were at the location so their location
4 device on the phone would not work; right?

5 A. No. I had my phone. Majdi had
6 his phone. The -- the security team had
7 theirs. Nobody gave those instructions.

8 Q. (Not translated.) So what was
9 the purpose of the -- of a security team?

10 A. At that stage, so the -- at that
11 time, the boss was extremely concerned that
12 somebody was trying to topple him or that
13 he was going to be toppled. And he asked
14 Stuart -- because I got my instruction from
15 Stuart. He asked Stuart -- he insisted that
16 there be the most stringent security measures
17 possible taken.

18 Q. But as I understand what you're
19 saying, there were bodyguards who you hired
20 to guard the hotel.

21 Am I right?

22 A. Yes. The -- the -- the bodyguards'
23 job was to stand outside and to keep a lookout
24 to see if there were any surveillance teams
25 surveilling the hotel. They -- they didn't

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1 A. I'm not a legal expert. And I
2 didn't follow all the details of the case,
3 because that's not my job. I consider it
4 a minor detail.

5 Q. Well, you're aware, aren't you,
6 that by the time that meeting was held
7 in Switzerland, Farhad Azima had already
8 sued Rakia, the boss, for hacking him in
9 the United States; right?

10 A. I don't -- I have no information
11 regarding who hacked into Farhad Azima's
12 computers. But I do know that, in wake
13 of the trial in the U.K., it was decided
14 that the boss -- he was right, that he --
15 yeah, that he was right.

16 Q. The boss was right about what?

17 A. He won the trial in England,
18 his suit against Farhad Azima.

19 Q. But you're aware now that two
20 of the witnesses who testified at the
21 trial admitted they committed perjury
22 and that the plot to commit that perjury
23 occurred at that Swiss hotel that you
24 set up?

25 Are you aware of that?

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1 A. I was not part of the trial.
2 I was asked -- I was asked to organize
3 the meeting and be in charge of security.
4 And I understand that there's a trial now
5 regarding the liability of the person who
6 did what he said he did.
7 Q. But you're aware that two of the
8 people that attended that meeting, under
9 high security in Switzerland, Mr. Page and
10 Mr. Halabi, have now confessed to committing
11 perjury and have said they learned their
12 perjury in Switzerland and the headmaster
13 of that perjury school was Neil Gerard?
14 That's what they both say; right?
15 A. I cannot relate to the content
16 of the conversations between Neil Gerard,
17 Stuart Page, and Majdi Halabi, because
18 I was not a part of those conversations.
19 What I can say -- what I can
20 say is that, upon reading the new affidavits
21 from Majdi Halabi and Stuart Page, I identify
22 certain statements that are not true.
23 Q. And you're aware that Stuart Page
24 specifically says he hired you to hack; right?
25 That's what he says.

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1 A. And that's one of the parts that
2 are lies.
3 (Exhibit 4 marked.)
4 BY MR. BEHRE:
5 Q. I'd like to next show you what
6 we've marked as Exhibit No. 4. It's the
7 Citibank bank statements --
8 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
9 Q. -- the first one being an account
10 statement for October 2017, the last statement
11 being an account statement for June 2021.
12 And they have a Bates number, so
13 a number at the bottom right-hand corner,
14 that starts with the last five digits 00044
15 through 00147.
16 A. Okay. (Examining.)
17 MR. BEHRE: And apologies if my
18 sentences are too long.
19 THE INTERPRETER: No, it's fine.
20 I have it --
21 MR. BEHRE: You should --
22 THE INTERPRETER: -- in front --
23 MR. BEHRE: -- both feel free --
24 THE INTERPRETER: -- of me.
25 MR. BEHRE: -- to stop me.

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1 THE INTERPRETER: It's -- no, you're
2 fine.
3 MR. BEHRE: Okay.
4 THE INTERPRETER: You can go on as
5 long as you like. We have it right in front
6 of us. So --
7 MR. BEHRE: Okay.
8 THE INTERPRETER: -- we have the
9 true notes, the realtime, or whatever it's
10 called.
11 BY MR. BEHRE:
12 Q. (Not translated.) Are -- and --
13 and I -- I don't know if I said the obvious.
14 But these are SDC-Gadot LLC's
15 bank records; correct?
16 A. I thank you, first of all, for
17 bringing it to me, because I didn't have
18 it.
19 (Pending question translated.)
20 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes. That's
21 correct.
22 BY MR. BEHRE:
23 Q. And it appears that the account
24 was opened, from the first page that's
25 Bates number 44, on October 30th, 2017,

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1 with a deposit of a thousand dollars;
2 right?
3 A. Yes. That's at the opening
4 of the account.
5 Q. And you testified earlier
6 that you opened this account in person
7 in Florida; correct?
8 A. Yes.
9 Q. And when you opened the account,
10 what did you represent to Citibank the
11 business of SDC-Gadot was?
12 A. I do not recall.
13 Q. Did you fill out an application
14 form that you recall?
15 A. I assume that I did. But I do
16 not recall.
17 Q. I'd like to turn your attention
18 to page 48. And, again, the numbers are
19 in the lower right-hand corner. It's the
20 bank statement for the period of December
21 1st through December 31st, 2017.
22 It should be five pages in.
23 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
24 (In English.) Yes.
25 (Translated.) Okay. Yes.

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1 Q. And you see on December 20th,
2 2017, a credit for \$5,000, which was a
3 wire from Insight Analysis and Research;
4 right?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. And then two pages later, on
7 page 50, there's \$45,000 wired again by
8 Insight Analysis.
9 Do you see that?
10 A. (In English.) Yes.
11 (Translated.) Yes.
12 Q. And Insight Analysis is your
13 other Florida-based LLC; correct?
14 A. Yes.
15 Q. (Not translated.) And now going
16 to page 52, which is the statement for
17 February 2018, you'll see another deposit,
18 this time for \$111,950. And it's a wire
19 from Page Group ME.
20 Do you see that?
21 A. "Kin."
22 (In English.) Yes.
23 Q. And that's a payment from Mr. Page,
24 who hired you for Project Beech; correct?
25 A. (Translated.) Yes.

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1 (In English.) I suppose so.
2 (Translated.) I suppose so. But
3 I'm not -- I'm not sure. Because there were
4 other projects. Mr. Page paid me for other
5 projects other than Beech. So I'd have to
6 check to make sure.
7 Q. And your invoices would indicate
8 if it was Project Beech; correct?
9 A. (In English.) Yes.
10 (Translated.) Yes.
11 Q. And you indicated you reviewed
12 some invoices to prepare for your testimony
13 today.
14 Did those invoices say "Project
15 Beech" on them?
16 A. Yes. But I don't have them here.
17 I can bring them tomorrow.
18 Q. (Translated.) Okay. Would you
19 do that, please?
20 (Not translated.) And if you
21 look on the same page, that's page 52,
22 on February 6 and February 13, just about
23 a week apart, there were two transfers,
24 one for 49,000 and one for 50,000, to
25 Fusion GPS.

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1 Do you see that?
2 A. "Kin."
3 (In English.) Yes.
4 (Last question partially
5 translated.)
6 THE INTERPRETER: "Yes."
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. And Fusion GPS is an
9 investigative firm; is that correct?
10 A. Yes. But there's no connection
11 whatsoever to Stuart Page or Project Beech.
12 Q. And Fusion GPS was a subcontractor
13 to SDC-Gadot; correct?
14 A. No. They did not do any work for
15 SDC-Gadot. But they -- they received payment
16 for something else.
17 Q. (Partially translated.) Well, SD --
18 let me -- let me rephrase it.
19 SDC-Gadot paid Fusion GPS \$99,000
20 in February of 2018; right?
21 THE INTERPRETER: 2018? 2018.
22 MR. BEHRE: Yes.
23 (Remainder of pending question
24 translated.)
25 THE WITNESS: Yes.

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. And what were they paid for?
3 A. I don't recall what the payment
4 was for. But I can say that Fusion GPS
5 had no connection to Stuart Page or
6 Project Beech.
7 Q. But if you can't recall what
8 it was for, how could you be sure?
9 A. Because I know that Fusion had
10 nothing to do with this case.
11 Q. If you turn the page, on page 53,
12 you'll see that Fusion gets another 50,000
13 on February 15, another 50,000 on February
14 20, and another 50,000 on February 27.
15 Do you see that?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. And so --
18 A. Same answer.
19 Q. So for the month of February,
20 Fusion GPS was paid 250 --
21 (Brief telephone interruption.)
22 BY MR. BEHRE:
23 Q. -- \$250,000 by SDC-Gadot; right?
24 A. That's correct.
25 Q. And did the payments to Fusion

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1 GPS relate to anything you were doing
2 for Stuart Page?
3 A. Under no circumstances. Not
4 at all.
5 Q. Well, earlier today you said
6 this account was opened simply because
7 Stuart Page had trouble transmitting
8 funds to you; right?
9 A. That's correct.
10 Q. (Partially translated.) And
11 the other entry on page 53 is a \$275,000
12 credit, a wire from Insight, your other
13 Florida entity, to this Gadot account;
14 right?
15 THE INTERPRETER: Two hundred
16 and seventy-five, you said; right?
17 MR. BEHRE: Yes.
18 (Remainder of pending question
19 translated.)
20 THE WITNESS: Yes. That's
21 correct.
22 BY MR. BEHRE:
23 Q. (Partially translated.) There's
24 a \$47,000 payment on February 22nd, a wire
25 to an Olam Hamachshevim.

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1 Who is that?
2 THE INTERPRETER: Did I get that
3 right, Olam Hamachshevim?
4 THE WITNESS: "Kin." Olam
5 Hamachshevim.
6 (Remainder of pending question
7 translated.)
8 THE WITNESS: (Translated.) It's
9 a vendor who supplied me with equipment.
10 Again, it has nothing to do with --
11 (In English.) Stuart Page.
12 (Translated.) -- Stuart Page.
13 BY MR. BEHRE:
14 Q. So it's your testimony that Olam
15 [sic] sold you equipment?
16 A. Yeah. It's a computer store, Olam
17 Hamachshevim.
18 THE INTERPRETER: That -- interpreter's
19 note. That means "computer world" in -- in
20 Hebrew.
21 "So yeah, I -- I guess it must
22 have been for equipment."
23 BY MR. BEHRE:
24 Q. (Partially translated.) And your
25 contact point at Fusion GPS was Glenn Simpson;

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1 right?
2 THE INTERPRETER: What was his name
3 again?
4 THE COURT REPORTER: Glenn. Glenn.
5 THE WITNESS: Glenn.
6 MR. BEHRE: Glenn Simpson.
7 (Remainder of pending question
8 translated.)
9 THE WITNESS: Not only. But yes,
10 him too.
11 BY MR. BEHRE:
12 Q. And the other one was Peter French;
13 right?
14 A. Yes. Peter French too.
15 Q. (Not translated.) Directing
16 your attention to 54. That's the SDC-Gadot
17 statement for March 2018.
18 There is a -- there's a wire on
19 March 1st for \$30,000 to Aviram Hawk, which
20 is Aviram Azari's company; correct?
21 THE INTERPRETER: Whose company?
22 THE COURT REPORTER: Aviram's.
23 MR. BEHRE: Aviram Azari.
24 THE INTERPRETER: Azari.
25 (Pending question translated.)

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1 THE WITNESS: Yes. That's
2 correct.
3 BY MR. BEHRE:
4 Q. And Mr. Azari recently pled
5 guilty in Federal Court in New York to
6 hacking, didn't he?
7 A. Yes. He confessed to seven
8 separate incidents of computer hacking
9 in New York.
10 Q. And the document in which he
11 pled guilty references an Israeli company.
12 But they don't name that company.
13 Was that company yours?
14 A. No.
15 Q. How do you know that?
16 A. Because I've never commissioned
17 hacking and have never paid for hacking.
18 Q. You're aware that Mr. Azari is
19 cooperating with Federal law enforcement
20 officials in the U.S.; correct?
21 A. I wish him all the best.
22 Q. Have you been contacted by those
23 prosecutors about this case?
24 MR. BARET: It's not related to
25 SDC-Gadot. You don't have to answer that.

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1 THE WITNESS: This has nothing
2 to do with this case or with Stuart.
3 BY MR. BEHRE:
4 Q. Well, I beg to differ.
5 The SDC-Gadot bank statement,
6 which is directly related to this case,
7 has a wire out to a man who's confessed
8 to and now convicted of hacking. This
9 case is all about hacking. And I'm asking
10 the witness about his relationship with
11 the hacker.
12 MR. BARET: You can ask about
13 the transaction, why it was paid. And he
14 can confess to a -- confess to a murder.
15 I mean, it doesn't mean that it's got
16 anything to do with SDC-Gadot.
17 MR. BEHRE: I am entitled to
18 explore it. If you want to instruct him
19 not to answer, then we'll have to just
20 raise this issue too. It's up to you.
21 MR. BARET: I mean --
22 THE WITNESS: I -- I have answered
23 that this has nothing to do with this case.
24 And Aviram Azari did other jobs, other than
25 hacking, that he was paid for.

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1 "Rega."
2 THE INTERPRETER: No.
3 THE WITNESS: The prosecutors,
4 in the case of Aviram Azari, have never
5 contacted me or asked me for any information.
6 BY MR. BEHRE:
7 Q. What work did Azari do for you,
8 if it wasn't hacking?
9 A. For me he never did any work.
10 Q. Yet he was paid \$55,000 on March
11 1st and March 12, 2018.
12 A. He did work for Gadot. And
13 that work included economic investigations
14 or financial investigations.
15 Q. And by --
16 THE INTERPRETER: "Financial
17 investigations" or "economic."
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. And by "financial investigations,"
20 does that mean obtaining confidential
21 banking and financial records about
22 individuals who were being investigated?
23 A. The investigations that Azari
24 did for me had nothing to do with Project
25 Beech or anything to do with Stuart at all.

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1 And I asked him that any investigations he
2 did to me -- for me be done in accordance
3 with the law.
4 Q. Why did you find it necessary to
5 tell him to act lawfully?
6 A. I say that to every one of my
7 subcontractors.
8 Q. If you look on the same page,
9 that's page 54, there are two entries on
10 March 15th, 2018, where you received wires.
11 And one of them -- the first one is from
12 Florida AP [sic] Telecom, Inc.
13 Do you see that?
14 It's \$100,000 that came in from
15 a Florida entity; correct?
16 A. This is -- this is a -- a different
17 customer. It has nothing to do with Page
18 or any of this case.
19 And I can add that the investigation,
20 in this particular instance, was in South
21 America and has nothing to do with what's
22 going on.
23 Q. In your affidavit that you
24 submitted in this case in Florida, you
25 indicated that you didn't transact business

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1 in Florida. And yet we have a transaction
2 where you received \$100,000 from a Florida
3 company.
4 What business did you transact
5 with this Florida company?
6 A. I did not transact any business
7 in Florida, as I said earlier. And this
8 payment is for work that was done in South
9 America.
10 Q. With a Florida company; right?
11 A. The payment, as I see here,
12 came from Florida. But again -- once
13 again, this has nothing whatsoever to
14 do with Stuart Page or Project Beech.
15 Q. And if you go to the next page,
16 page 55, here's another wire from Florida
17 IP Telecom on March 16th for \$200,000.
18 Do you see that?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. (Partially translated.) And
21 Florida IP Telecom is owned by Fernando
22 Alonzo Paredes; right?
23 THE INTERPRETER: Could you
24 repeat the name? Fernando?
25 MR. BEHRE: Fernando Alonzo

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1 Paredes, P-a-r-e-d-e-s.
2 (Remainder of pending question
3 translated.)
4 THE WITNESS: That may be
5 correct.
6 BY MR. BEHRE:
7 Q. (Partially translated.) And
8 he also owns a company called Overseas
9 Consulting Limited, LLP, another Florida
10 company; correct?
11 THE INTERPRETER: Could you
12 repeat the name of the company?
13 MR. BEHRE: Overseas Consulting
14 Limited, LLP.
15 (Remainder of pending question
16 translated.)
17 THE WITNESS: I have no idea.
18 I don't know the person. I have no way
19 of confirming or denying that.
20 BY MR. BEHRE:
21 Q. Well, if you look on March 23rd,
22 on page 55, you received \$350,000 from
23 Overseas Consulting Limited, LLP; correct?
24 A. There's no connection whatsoever
25 between these wires and Stuart Page. And

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1 I -- I can't answer beyond saying that
2 this has nothing to do with Project Beech,
3 Farhad Azima, or Stuart Page.
4 Q. So in the month of March 2018,
5 you received \$650,000 from Florida
6 companies; correct?
7 A. This work was not executed
8 in Florida. The customer is not a U.S.
9 citizen. And apparently part of the
10 payment for this work was transferred
11 through an American -- through American
12 companies.
13 Q. But are you aware that Overseas
14 Consulting Limited, LLP, is a Florida
15 corporation?
16 A. It's not something I checked
17 then. I believe you.
18 Q. And then on that same page,
19 page 55, on March 19th and March 20th,
20 there are wires out to Gadot Information
21 Services, which, as I understand it, is
22 the Gadot entity here in Israel; correct?
23 A. Correct.
24 Q. And does it sound about right
25 that, between March 2018 and February 20 --

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1 2021, in this bank account alone, you
2 transferred from the Citibank account
3 for Gadot SDC more than 2.5 million to
4 Gadot Information Services here in Israel?
5 A. I didn't add it up. But that
6 sounds about right.
7 Q. And would it surprise you if
8 I said that the payments to Fusion GPS,
9 between just February 2018 and July 2018,
10 total more than \$1.2 million?
11 A. I do not understand the connection
12 between Page, the Beech Project, Azima,
13 and Fusion.
14 Q. (Not translated.) I'm just
15 asking you: Does it surprise you that,
16 from February 2018 through July 2018,
17 there were payments from the SDC-Gadot
18 Citibank account with a Miami, Florida
19 address to Fusion, exceeding \$1.2 million?
20 A. My answer is that I'm not surprised.
21 Q. Okay. What is BM -- BMI Analysis
22 Limited?
23 A. I don't remember. It could be
24 one of the vendors or one of the customers.
25 Is it someone on the receiving

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1 end? On the paying end?
2 (Comment in Hebrew.)
3 Q. If you look at March 30th.
4 A. I'm looking for it.
5 Q. March 30th.
6 A. (In English.) CBOI to BMI. Aah.
7 (Translated.) I paid. So I guess
8 it's one of our vendors.
9 Q. And it's true, isn't it, that BMI
10 Analysis Limited was also working on Project
11 Beech?
12 A. I do not recall.
13 Q. Okay. Now let's go to April
14 2018, page number 56.
15 A. Going backwards?
16 Q. And you'll see that there are
17 five payments for \$50,000 each to Fusion.
18 And there are several wires out to Gadot
19 Information Services for \$50,000.
20 Why --
21 A. Citibank restricted the amounts
22 of the transfers I could make to \$50,000
23 each. And that is why we divided payments
24 into several \$50,000 payments.
25 Q. And why did Citibank impose that

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1 restriction?
2 A. You have to ask them.
3 Q. Did it -- was it always that way?
4 Or did they restrict you after you opened
5 the account?
6 A. No. It was from the start.
7 Q. And in April of 2018, there were
8 several more wires out from SDC-Gadot to
9 Gadot Information Services here in Israel;
10 right?
11 A. Correct.
12 Q. (Partially translated.) Throughout
13 these bank records, there are debit card
14 purchases for iPostall.
15 What are those?
16 THE INTERPRETER: What's the name
17 again?
18 MR. BEHRE: IPostall.
19 (Remainder of pending question
20 translated.)
21 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
22 (In English.) Which date?
23 (Translated.) Which -- which line?
24 Which date?
25 //

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. It is March 17th -- April. I'm
3 sorry.
4 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
5 THE INTERPRETER: "Kin."
6 MR. BARET: April 20th.
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. And April 20th too. And April
9 24th too.
10 MR. BARET: It's like \$10. 9.99.
11 You see it?
12 THE WITNESS: (In English.) It
13 might be Apple Music or whatever, I think.
14 (Comment in Hebrew.)
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. Well, could it be --
17 THE INTERPRETER: "I don't remember."
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. (Not translated.) Could it be an
20 electronic mailbox where you kept messages?
21 A. (In English.) No.
22 (Translated.) First of all, you
23 don't pay for electronic mail. But I don't
24 remember.
25 Q. Okay. Let's go to pages 60, 61,

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1 62. That's for May 2018.
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. And you'll see more wires to BMI
4 Analysis Limited.
5 Do you see that on May 1?
6 A. (In English.) Okay.
7 (Translated.) Okay.
8 Q. And there are numerous wires
9 out to your Gadot entity here in Israel,
10 starting on May the 2nd.
11 Do you see that?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. (Partially translated.) And
14 you'll see, on May 21st, Page Group ME
15 sends you \$187,000 -- 187,450?
16 THE INTERPRETER: 180,000?
17 THE WITNESS: Yes. But I do
18 not know if this is on account of the
19 Beech Project or other projects.
20 BY MR. BEHRE:
21 Q. And would the invoices tell
22 you whether it's Project Beech?
23 A. I assume so. Yes.
24 Q. And do you have that invoice?
25 A. As I said before, I will bring

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1 them tomorrow.
2 Q. Because you would need to retain
3 those invoices for your tax purposes; right?
4 A. The invoices in Israel, I do
5 have to preserve them. The invoices for
6 the United States, I have to preserve them
7 only for two years.
8 Q. And, finally, on page 62, you'll
9 see there are three more wires to Fusion
10 GPS, 50,000 each time, three.
11 So \$150,000 between May 29th
12 and May 31st; right?
13 A. Yes. Correct.
14 Q. Moving to June 2018, pages 64
15 and 65, two large wires coming in from
16 Florida companies, one on June 14th
17 for \$100,000 and one on June 15th for
18 \$350,000.
19 Do you see those entries?
20 A. Yes, I see.
21 Q. And then, on the next page,
22 page 65, four more payments to Fusion
23 GPS, 50,000 each, plus the one on the
24 prior page on June the 5th, totaling
25 \$250,000 wired to Fusion GPS in June

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1 of 2018; correct?
2 A. Yes.
3 Q. Going to July 2018, pages 66,
4 67, 68, you'll see numerous wires out
5 to Gadot Information Services. I haven't
6 totaled them all up. But it looks to be
7 five, six, or seven of those.

8 Do you see those, starting on
9 May -- on July 9? I'm sorry. Starting
10 on July 2nd?

11 A. Yes, I see.

12 Q. And so that's in July 2018 alone,
13 almost a half a million dollars wired out
14 of the SDC -- SDC-Gadot account to --

15 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry.
16 BY MR. BEHRE:

17 Q. So my question is: You went
18 through all this trouble to open the
19 SDC-Gadot LLC account with Citibank.
20 And yet you appear to be moving money
21 just about as fast as you get it out
22 to the Israeli entity.

23 Why?

24 A. Most of the work was carried
25 out by Gadot Israel. And as I explained

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1 before, these accounts in the United
2 States were opened merely for convenience's
3 sake, which proved itself over time.
4 As I can see now, in July, there's
5 a lot of activity that is not connected to
6 Page at all, to Stuart Page.

7 Q. Let's look at August, then.

8 Let's go to page 70 and 71.

9 On August 8, Stuart Page wires
10 you \$276,950; right?

11 A. Yes. I do see it.

12 Q. And that month, there were nine
13 wires out to Gadot.

14 A. As I explained before, the bank
15 restricted us to \$50,000 transfers. That
16 accounts for the numerous transfers. If
17 we could make a bigger transfer, we would
18 have been -- we would have made it a larger
19 transfer.

20 Q. So looking at the second entry,
21 on August 1st, 2018, it says:

22 "Wire to SDC-Gadot."

23 "\$50,000."

24 Did SDC-Gadot LLC have another
25 account besides Citibank?

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1 A. As I've explained before, we had
2 tried to open an account in Chase Manhattan.
3 We opened actually. We didn't try. We
4 opened. And I'm guessing that this transfer
5 was in that direction. But -- and I don't
6 even recall why we hardly used that account
7 at all.

8 Q. And if you look at the wires on
9 August 2nd, August 8, August 9, August 13,
10 again on August 13, August 20, August 21,
11 August 22, they all go to SDC-Gadot.

12 A. I can only say, again, ask for
13 a subpoena to Chase Manhattan. And we'll
14 be able to see what happened there.

15 Q. Is the Chase Manhattan account
16 still open?

17 A. No.

18 And I do not have the capacity
19 to see things myself because it is no
20 longer open.

21 Q. When was that account closed?

22 A. Quite quickly -- quite quickly,
23 I believe. I do not recall exactly. But
24 I'm going to consult, of course, with --
25 with my attorney. But I believe I can

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1 give you permission to go into there and
2 check the account.

3 Q. And is the reason why, in this
4 particular month, you attempted to move --
5 make nine wires to the Chase Manhattan
6 account, is the reason because Citibank
7 had been starting to give you difficulties
8 regarding your account there with Citibank?

9 A. Citibank had never caused any
10 difficulty to me in my account, with the
11 exception of that restriction to transfers
12 of \$50,000. And that is why I, in fact,
13 opened the account in Chase Manhattan,
14 because this was a way of trying to
15 circumvent that restriction of \$50,000
16 that -- whose result was that we had
17 to make many transfers.

18 Q. Isn't it true that Citibank
19 expressed money-laundering concerns to
20 you about this account?

21 A. No. Not in my ears.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: "Years"
23 or "ears"?

24 THE INTERPRETER: "Ears."

25 "Ears." "In my ears." "Not in my ears."

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. Moving to November 2018, that's
3 pages 76 and 77, I direct your attention
4 to the wire on November 20th from Page
5 Group ME.
6 THE COURT REPORTER: From who?
7 From who?
8 MR. BEHRE: Page Group ME.
9 THE WITNESS: Yes. But I still
10 do not know if that transfer was connected
11 to Project Beech or to other projects.
12 BY MR. BEHRE:
13 Q. But the invoice would indicate
14 whether it was Project Beech; correct?
15 A. Yes. And I will bring them
16 tomorrow.
17 Q. And since this payment in
18 November was presumably for an invoice
19 in October and because, in October, you
20 attended a Cyprus meeting, some of those
21 monies at least must have been related
22 to Project Beech; right?
23 A. For the Beech product -- Project,
24 we had a monthly retainer. So each month
25 we received a payment. And I cannot say

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1 if this payment was specifically for the
2 meeting in Cyprus or not.
3 Q. But you didn't -- you didn't
4 go to Cyprus for free; right?
5 A. No.
6 Q. Somebody paid for it; right?
7 A. You are not here for free either.
8 Q. No.
9 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
10 MR. BARET: It's not pro bono?
11 THE INTERPRETER: "Me neither."
12 THE COURT REPORTER: Pardon?
13 MR. BARET: No? I was shocked.
14 I'm the only one who's not getting paid
15 here?
16 THE WITNESS: (Comment in
17 Hebrew.)
18 THE INTERPRETER: I hope so.
19 BY MR. BEHRE:
20 Q. All right. Directing your
21 attention to December 2018, page 79,
22 on December 10th, you wired \$25,000
23 to Dinka Analysis Services.
24 And Dinka is owned by Raphael
25 Pridan; correct?

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1 A. Correct.
2 Q. And Stuart Page has done
3 business with Dinka previously; correct?
4 A. Stuart Page had done business
5 with Rafi Pridan previously. But I do
6 not know which entity of Rafi Pridan
7 was used.
8 Q. And Dinka was doing work for
9 Project Beech; correct?
10 A. I do not remember. Could be
11 yes. Could be no.
12 Q. (Not translated.) Okay. And
13 what about Ezekiel Golan Intellectual Pro,
14 there are several wires to that entity on
15 December 12th and 13th totaling \$65,000.
16 THE COURT REPORTER: She's going
17 to need the name again.
18 THE WITNESS: (In English.) Ezekiel
19 Golan.
20 MR. BEHRE: Ezekiel Golan Intellectual
21 Pro.
22 (Pending question translated.)
23 THE WITNESS: (Translated.) Heskell
24 [sic] Golan is not connected in --
25 (In English.) "Ezekiel."

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1 (Translated.) Ezekiel Golan
2 is not connected in any way whatsoever
3 to Stuart Page or to the Beech Project.
4 BY MR. BEHRE:
5 Q. What services did Ezekiel Golan
6 Intellectual provide?
7 A. I am prevented from answering
8 that. This is not connected. And it is
9 under privilege.
10 Q. (Not translated.) Under privilege
11 because you were acting under the -- at
12 the direction of a lawyer?
13 A. No. Because of my agreement
14 with Ezekiel Golan that commands a privilege.
15 Q. Well, I don't think that's a valid
16 basis not to answer.
17 A. I can -- I can tell you that it's
18 connected to some medical development, not
19 connected at all to these issues.
20 Q. And directing your attention to
21 February 2019, page 83, there's a wire on
22 February 19th from Page Group ME.
23 Do you see that, for \$82,455?
24 A. Yes. I do see.
25 Q. Okay. And that was for Project

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1 Beech?
2 A. I cannot know now. I will know
3 tomorrow.
4 Q. Okay. Same question. On March
5 20th, 2019, on page 84, you received a
6 wire from Page Group ME for \$99,950.
7 Do you see that?
8 A. Yes. The same answer.
9 Q. And then on April 10th, as
10 reflected on page 86, another wire in
11 from Page Group ME for \$99,950.
12 Do you see that?
13 A. Yes, I see.
14 Q. And then just eight days later,
15 Page Group ME sends you another hundred --
16 \$131,950 on April 18th.
17 Do you see that?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. And then in May 2019, going to
20 May the 16th and May 31st, all found on
21 page 89, you receive two wires again from
22 Page Group ME, one for \$99,950 and the
23 other one for \$249,950.
24 Do you see that?
25 A. Yes.

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1 round amounts. But Stuart being somewhat
2 stingy, he always take the -- round down --
3 commissions from me.
4 MR. BARET: The wire fee.
5 THE INTERPRETER: The wire transfer
6 commission.
7 THE WITNESS: (In English.) You
8 ask.
9 BY MR. BEHRE:
10 Q. And then, in July 2019, there's
11 a trip to Vegas. You stayed at the --
12 A. (In English.) July?
13 Q. (Translated.) July 2019 you
14 went to the Prada store and spent \$535.
15 (Not translated.) You -- the
16 Montcler store --
17 A. (In English.) I bought a belt.
18 Q. (Not translated.) -- and spent
19 2,175.
20 You won a bet?
21 A. (In English.) I -- I bought
22 a belt --
23 Q. (Not translated.) Oh. "Belt."
24 A. (In English.) -- in Prada.
25 I can bring it tomorrow.

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1 Q. And why all of a sudden are you
2 going to being paid once a month by Page
3 to being paid twice a month?
4 A. It could be for several projects.
5 And it could be also reflecting the fact
6 that he's paying me when he's being paid.
7 Q. And that date would line up to
8 a meeting you had in London about Mr. Halabi's
9 witness statement for use in the U.K. hacking
10 case; right?
11 MR. BARET: What -- what's the date?
12 What's the date?
13 THE WITNESS: I don't recall meeting
14 Majdi Halabi in London.
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. (Not translated.) Okay. And then
17 in June 2019, on page 90, you receive from
18 Page \$200,000 minus a five -- \$50 wire fee;
19 right?
20 THE INTERPRETER: 200,000, you
21 said?
22 MR. BEHRE: Yes.
23 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.
24 (Pending question translated.)
25 THE WITNESS: All the amounts are

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1 Q. (Not translated.) Okay. I'll
2 try it on.
3 A. (In English.) Yeah. No. You
4 are much thinner.
5 Q. And you saw the Beetles on Broadway.
6 And you ate at Joel Robuchon.
7 Right?
8 A. "Kin."
9 Q. And then Mr. Page sends you again,
10 in September 2019, \$196,000 minus a \$50 wire
11 fee on September 6th; correct?
12 A. Yes.
13 Q. (Not translated.) What's Pandaface?
14 THE INTERPRETER: What's?
15 BY MR. BEHRE:
16 Q. What is Pandaface?
17 A. Where is it?
18 Q. It's on page 107.
19 On December 26, you sent Pandaface
20 \$15,000.
21 THE COURT REPORTER: How much?
22 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
23 THE INTERPRETER: Fifteen.
24 MR. BEHRE: 15,000. Sorry.
25 THE WITNESS: (In English.) "Wire

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1 to Pandaface."
2 (Translated.) I don't recall.
3 BY MR. BEHRE:
4 Q. (Partially translated.) And then
5 in January, January 16th, on page 108, you
6 send Pandaface another \$7,500.
7 Do you see that?
8 THE INTERPRETER: 175,000?
9 MR. BARET: 7,500.
10 MR. BEHRE: 7,500.
11 (Remainder of pending question
12 translated.)
13 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't know.
14 I think maybe -- maybe I sent someone, a
15 woman, some financial assistance.
16 BY MR. BEHRE:
17 Q. (Partially translated.) Okay.
18 And then, on January 27th, on page 108,
19 Page is sending you wires from a new
20 entity. It's called Page Risk Management
21 DMCC.
22 Do you see that entry on January
23 27th?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. Do you -- do you know why he

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1 A. No.
2 MR. BEHRE: Okay. Why don't we
3 take a break.
4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
5 record at 4:43.
6 (Recess from 4:43 p.m. to 5:02 p.m.
7 Israel Daylight Time.)
8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record
9 at 5:02.
10 BY MR. BEHRE:
11 Q. Mr. Forlit, we just looked at some
12 of your Citibank bank records for SDC-Gadot.
13 And I want to ask you just a big picture.
14 You received between \$200,000
15 and \$300,000 a month almost every month
16 for almost five years.
17 What did you do for that money?
18 A. In my earlier answers, I more
19 or less broke down the details of the
20 investigation, which covered a lot of
21 jurisdictions.
22 This whole line of questioning,
23 there's something unclear to me.
24 If this whole trial is about
25 hacking done by -- in 2015 by Azima and

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1 started using a different entity to wire
2 you those funds that he says were for
3 hacking?
4 A. No. No idea.
5 Q. And that's the same entity that
6 sent you \$222,435 on March 23rd on page
7 112.
8 Do you see that?
9 A. Yes. I see that the commissions
10 are getting larger.
11 Q. And --
12 A. Now it's \$65 instead of \$50.
13 Q. Now, a payment in March of 2020
14 would be for work you did in February.
15 And February is when Mr. Azima's
16 trial occurred in the U.K.; correct?
17 A. I didn't do anything regarding
18 the trial in England. And this -- the
19 money, the payment is for Project Beech,
20 which continued.
21 Q. Were you in London in late February
22 and early March?
23 A. I'd have to check. I don't recall.
24 Q. Have you ever been to the Royal
25 Automotive Club?

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1 Stuart, the liar, is saying that I've
2 been hacking from 2017 until 2020, how --
3 how does that have anything to do with
4 hacking that happened in 2015?
5 (Comment in Hebrew.)
6 THE INTERPRETER: (Comment in
7 Hebrew.)
8 BY MR. BEHRE:
9 Q. (Partially translated.) My --
10 my question was: What did you do to earn
11 two hundred to \$300,000 a month for five
12 years?
13 A. (Comment in Hebrew.)
14 MR. BARET: Just for the record,
15 three years. The -- the company opened in
16 2017 and to -- to 2020; right?
17 THE WITNESS: So we carried out
18 investigations. And in the three years
19 of the company's activities, we investigated
20 a large number of violations of the sanctions
21 on Iran, a lot of money-laundering done
22 through Lebanon --
23 (Comment in Hebrew.)
24 THE INTERPRETER: You -- you
25 mean embezzling? Or money disappearing?

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1 Misappropriation of funds?
2 THE WITNESS: And monies that
3 disappeared from the company in -- in
4 Saudi Arabia.
5 We managed to locate Khater
6 Massaad in Saudi Arabia and the authorities --
7 and get the authorities to arrest him. We
8 had a regular source that visited him once
9 a month in Saudi Arabia.
10 We investigated financial offenses
11 in Sri Lanka and in Switzerland.
12 We investigated transactions in
13 Georgia.
14 THE INTERPRETER: Georgia, not
15 the U.S., the country.
16 THE WITNESS: And that's just
17 what I can recall off the top of my head.
18 BY MR. BEHRE:
19 Q. And when you say you investigated
20 transactions, are you referring to transactions
21 in bank records?
22 A. We got a lot of information that
23 had its source in the customer's servers,
24 computer servers. And a lot of the
25 information Stuart Page brought from his

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1 own sources. We interviewed a lot of people.
2 And that wasn't even one of the company's
3 larger cases.
4 Q. When you say the customer's
5 computer servers, are you talking about
6 Rakia's computer servers?
7 A. Sometimes yes. There was a lot
8 of data that we got from servers in the
9 free zone of RAK. And a lot of materials --
10 yes, the customer gave us a lot of materials.
11 Q. And some of those materials
12 included bank records that were confidential;
13 correct?
14 A. I don't recall.
15 Q. To the best of your recollection,
16 did you ever have access to bank records
17 for any of the people that were being
18 investigated or any of the entities
19 that were being investigated?
20 A. I don't recall precisely.
21 It's possible.
22 Q. Do you recall ever attaching
23 confidential bank records to any of the
24 reports that you prepared?
25 A. I don't recall.

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1 Q. And do you recall ever attaching
2 copies of confidential e-mails, for example,
3 between Mr. Azima and his lawyers to your
4 reports?
5 A. I don't recall.
6 Q. And do you recall ever excerpting
7 and embedding into your reports confidential
8 e-mails belonging to others?
9 A. I don't recall. And everything
10 that appears in the reports were materials
11 that were presented legally.
12 Q. And what types of materials did
13 Mr. Page provide to you, as you indicated
14 a few moments ago?
15 MR. BARET: I'm -- I'm sorry.
16 Just for the -- when -- when
17 counsel's referring to "you," who are you
18 referring to? Amit Forlit individually?
19 MR. BEHRE: Yes. As paid by --
20 for services by SDC-Gadot.
21 MR. BARET: Right. But --
22 THE WITNESS: Amit Forlit did
23 not receive money from SDC-Gadot. Gadot
24 Israel received money from SDC. And I
25 was a representative of SDC-Gadot.

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1 And Page provided materials.
2 He had his sources. Maybe some of his
3 clients and other sources. I don't know.
4 BY MR. BEHRE:
5 Q. What types of materials did
6 Mr. Page provide?
7 A. A list of companies, a list
8 of contacts of people who were involved,
9 legal -- legal cases that he -- that were
10 taken from various places.
11 Q. Did he ever provide you with
12 confidential e-mails or financial data
13 belonging to others to which he wasn't
14 entitled to have?
15 A. I don't think so.
16 Q. Now, regarding Mr. Halabi's
17 testimony, as rehearsed in Switzerland,
18 why was it decided that Halabi would
19 claim to have found the data on the
20 Internet?
21 A. I don't remember who or why it
22 was decided that Halabi would be the one
23 to tell this or to -- to relate this.
24 And to this day, we -- I don't
25 know who in Halabi's firm found these links.

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1 (Comment in Hebrew.)
2 THE INTERPRETER: Oh. "Office."
3 THE WITNESS: Halabi was -- not
4 his firm. He was part of the office.
5 And everybody in the office learned
6 about the leak quite quickly, because --
7 because, you know, when there are people
8 involved in the investigation, you can
9 just put in a -- a Google alert. And you
10 don't have to actually look for it. It
11 just pops up.
12 The reason that it was Halabi
13 that testified to this was because he would
14 not be identified as an Israeli investigator.
15 He was known as a journalist who wrote for
16 local newspapers in the Emirates. And he
17 volunteered. And this pleased the client,
18 the customer. And -- and Halabi said that
19 he told Stuart this and that wasn't a lie.
20 And that didn't embarrass the customer.
21 BY MR. BEHRE:
22 Q. But Halabi is Israeli; right?
23 A. Halabi is an Israeli Druze, who
24 has an Arab name. Arab -- his name sounds
25 Arab.

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1 So there's a difference between
2 coming with a name like mine or a typical
3 Israeli name or having a name like Majdi
4 Halabi, which is a very common name in
5 Syria, Iraq, in fact, the whole Middle
6 East.
7 Q. Why was it so important not to
8 focus on the nationality of the speaker?
9 A. At the time, Israel didn't have
10 diplomatic relations with the UAE. And
11 according to what Stuart said, it was very
12 worrying to the client that it might be --
13 become known that he was using an Israeli
14 contractor. He thought at that time that
15 his enemies would use this information
16 to topple him.
17 Q. And Halabi didn't really find
18 the links, did he?
19 A. I don't know. As I said -- as
20 I said, it popped up for everyone. And
21 you didn't need to be an analyst with a
22 Harvard education to figure it out.
23 Q. But Halabi now says that was
24 all a lie.
25 You're aware of that; right?

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1 A. I read Halabi's affidavit.
2 He says we had at least four meetings
3 to coordinate this thing, including
4 visits in London to a number of places,
5 including in Cyprus. And I can say
6 unequivocally that he is lying.
7 And, in Israel, there's no
8 way to leave or come back into the
9 country without having some record of
10 it at the -- by the borders authority.
11 And I can state that, on the
12 dates that he says I met with him in
13 London and in Cyprus, I was in Israel.
14 I can only guess why he's lying.
15 Q. Well, with regard to his
16 admission, his confession that he lied
17 in court about finding the link, you
18 don't know of any reason why he would
19 lie about that, do you?
20 A. I -- I don't think he lied to
21 the Court. But as far as his affidavit
22 is concerned, it's riddled with lies.
23 And I -- I can't say right now
24 exactly what. But I can say that, on the
25 dates that he says I was in London or in

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1 Cyprus, I can say for a fact that I wasn't.
2 Q. And I'm just focusing on the
3 fact that Halabi now confesses that he
4 lied to the Court about finding the links.
5 And you have no reason to
6 believe that that confession was itself
7 a lie, because why would somebody confess
8 to the crime of misleading a Court and
9 perjury if they hadn't done it?
10 A. If a client -- if I have a client
11 that would ask me to investigate why he was
12 lying, then I'll investigate. But I don't
13 know why.
14 Q. Now, you testified earlier that
15 you're involved in private investigation;
16 correct?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And you don't provide IT services,
19 do you?
20 A. I provide a security envelope
21 for computers, not necessarily IT, not
22 what you call IT.
23 We've, for example, developed
24 a telephone that can't be tapped into and
25 all kinds of technological developments.

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1 Q. (Not translated.) But with regard
2 to Project Beech, you didn't provide any IT
3 security other than the open-ended e-mail
4 system where you put the reports; right?

5 A. I did provide -- in Project Beech,
6 I actually did provide consultation services
7 regarding communication security.

8 Q. But that was a very small part
9 of what you did for Project Beech; right?

10 A. It was part. I can't define it
11 as big or small.

12 Q. (Not translated.) But several
13 times today, I've asked you what you did
14 for the two or \$300,000.

15 And you never mentioned that
16 service; right?

17 You just talked about doing
18 these investigations in all these
19 different countries.

20 But you never once mentioned
21 IT security, did you?

22 A. It's much easier to describe
23 what happens in an investigation than
24 to -- than to explain IT security. But
25 we did do it.

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1 Q. But much of what you did for
2 Project Beech was not IT security; right?

3 A. I can't exactly tell you what
4 proportion. But it was part of the scope
5 of work. And I wouldn't call it IT security
6 in any case. It was more security protocols
7 for computer, communications, and transfers.

8 (Exhibit 5 marked.)

9 BY MR. BEHRE:

10 Q. (Not translated.) Okay. I'd
11 like to show you what we've marked as
12 Exhibit No. 5, which is a letter of
13 engagement between you, on behalf of
14 Gadot Information Services, and Page
15 Group Limited.

16 Previously you testified that
17 there was no written agreement between
18 you and Mr. Page; correct?

19 A. (In English.) Correct.

20 (Last question translated.)

21 THE WITNESS: Correct.

22 BY MR. BEHRE:

23 Q. So your testimony previously
24 that there was no written agreement is
25 inaccurate; correct?

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1 A. Not correct.

2 First of all, I mentioned that
3 sometimes we had problems with money
4 transfers and that we sometimes made all
5 sorts of engagements in order to resolve
6 that problem.

7 Second, I do not -- do not see
8 here any signature of mine or anyone on
9 my behalf.

10 And, thirdly, once I finish
11 reading this -- I'm in the process of
12 reading it -- perhaps I will understand
13 what this is connected to. Because it
14 definitely is not connected to the Beech
15 Project.

16 Q. Okay. Well, take your time to
17 read it, then.

18 A. (Examining.) I do not see here
19 any connection neither to SDC-Gadot nor
20 to the Beech Project. And I do not see
21 any signature of Gadot on this document.

22 MR. BARET: Just for the record,
23 this -- the -- this agreement is prior to
24 the creation of Gadot SDC, which is about
25 a year and change --

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1 MR. BEHRE: Correct.

2 MR. BARET: -- a year -- a year
3 and a half probably before.

4 BY MR. BEHRE:

5 Q. So it's -- you don't recall seeing
6 this before?

7 A. No.

8 Q. You don't recall signing it?

9 A. I am not a signatory to this
10 document.

11 Q. Okay. And its -- its content
12 is inaccurate, isn't it?

13 A. The content could be accurate,
14 because we are engaged in such projects.

15 But this does not refer neither
16 to the dates of the U.S. companies nor to
17 the Beech Project. As I said before, we
18 did other things for Stuart Page as well.

19 Q. Well, this one provides for
20 almost two years of payments, the monthly
21 amount to be a hundred and fifty to 200,000
22 pounds, which equates to two hundred to two
23 fifty [sic] U.S. dollars per month; right?

24 A. This is what is written here.
25 But to the best of my recollection, these

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1 are not the amounts that we received from
2 Stuart Page to Gadot.
3 And I repeat again, this has no
4 connection whatsoever to SDC-Gadot or to
5 Project Beech.
6 Q. Well, it refers, in the second
7 paragraph, to IT services for Page Group's
8 United Arab Emirates and Iraq clients.
9 Page Group's United Arab Emirates
10 client was RAK and the ruler of RAK, the
11 boss; right?
12 A. RAK was not Stuart Page's only
13 client in the Emirates.
14 Q. And you indicated that the
15 reason SDC-Gadot was created was because
16 of difficulty that Mr. Page was experiencing
17 in wiring money to Gadot Information
18 Services; right?
19 A. When he was trying to transfer
20 funds from Dubai to Gadot Information
21 Services. When he was transferring
22 from London, there was no problem.
23 (Exhibit 6 marked.)
24 BY MR. BEHRE:
25 Q. I'd like to next show you what's

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1 been marked as Exhibit No. 6. And this
2 consists of seven invoices from SDC-Gadot
3 LLC to Page Group.
4 A. (Examining.) So I don't need
5 to bring them tomorrow?
6 Q. This might not be all of them.
7 A. May I keep this to compare?
8 MR. BARET: Yeah. That's yours.
9 MR. BEHRE: No. That's the court
10 reporter's.
11 MR. BARET: No, no.
12 MR. BEHRE: But you -- that's yours.
13 MR. BARET: We have. We have.
14 THE WITNESS: (In English.) Okay.
15 (Translated.) So what's the
16 question?
17 BY MR. BEHRE:
18 Q. Do you recognize these invoices?
19 Are they issued by SDC-Gadot, as indicated?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. And you'll note that each one of
22 these invoices, in the "Description" area
23 says the payment requested is for Project
24 Beech; correct?
25 A. Yes. With a spelling mistake in

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1 "beach."
2 Q. But other than the spelling mistake,
3 they all concern Project Beech; right?
4 A. Correct.
5 Q. And the first two invoices state,
6 in the second line of the "Description,"
7 "according to agreement"; correct?
8 A. Yes. Correct.
9 Q. What agreement is that?
10 A. We would usually add this
11 particular sentence because that would
12 make the bank pay more easily.
13 Q. So that would mislead the bank
14 into thinking there was an agreement when
15 there wasn't an agreement; correct?
16 A. There was no written agreement.
17 But even an oral agreement is an agreement.
18 Q. Were these invoices provided to
19 the bank in the case of the first invoice
20 to JP Morgan Chase?
21 A. I don't recall. It could be.
22 But -- I don't recall. It could be. But
23 I don't think that we supplied invoices
24 to the American bank.
25 Q. What bank were you providing

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1 invoices to?
2 A. Normally to the Israeli bank.
3 Q. And I note, in the first two
4 invoices, that the address provided for
5 SDC-Gadot in Miami Beach is not the same
6 as the one that is contained in your
7 corporate records, is it?
8 A. I have to check that. I have
9 no answer right now why is it so.
10 Q. Whose address is 3200 Collins
11 Avenue, as indicated in the two invoices?
12 A. I think -- I think -- I seem to
13 remember that we may have rented, in the
14 beginning, a physical mailbox. But it's
15 not something that I remember precisely.
16 Q. So the first invoice in Exhibit
17 6 is numbered Invoice 1019.
18 Do you see that?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. The second -- the second invoice
21 is numbered Invoice 1024. And that -- and
22 it's dated May 14, 2019.
23 Whereas, the first invoice is
24 dated November 6, 2018; correct?
25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. So it would appear, between
2 November 18th -- November 2018 and May
3 2019, there were only four other invoices
4 that were issued by SDC-Gadot in six months;
5 correct?

6 A. It is apparently correct. I
7 have to check. It is also possible that
8 the collection of funds due for the project
9 was done for Insight.

10 I can see that the 1024 was issued
11 twice to JP Morgan and to Citibank as well.
12 It would seem that we did not succeed in
13 operating the account correctly at JP Morgan
14 and that is why we -- we did it in Citibank.
15 It's the same number.

16 Q. And you're referring to the third
17 invoice dated May 14th, 2019, on the third
18 page of the Exhibit 6; right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And that particular invoice looks
21 like it's been cut and pasted. If you look
22 at the -- the area right below the line at
23 the top of the page, that clearly was cut
24 and pasted from some other document and
25 placed on this.

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1 two pertaining to Beech.

2 Q. (Partially translated.) Okay.
3 On the third invoice, the third page of
4 the Exhibit 6, it looks like SDC-Gadot
5 has gone deluxe and they have their own
6 stamp; is that right?

7 THE INTERPRETER: They've gone
8 to?

9 MR. BARET: They're what?

10 THE INTERPRETER: They've gone
11 to?

12 MR. BEHRE: They have their own
13 stamp.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: "Gone deluxe."

15 THE INTERPRETER: Hmm?

16 THE COURT REPORTER: "Deluxe."

17 "Deluxe." "Deluxe."

18 MR. BARET: "Deluxe." Oh, okay.

19 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

20 (Pending question fully translated.)

21 THE WITNESS: Look at the amounts
22 that we started receiving.

23 MR. BARET: So it has a New York,
24 New York.

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1 A. To me -- to me it seems that
2 we simply started using another software
3 for issuing invoices. But since I did not
4 supply it, I -- I don't know who supplied
5 it.

6 Q. Let me just go back to the invoice
7 numbers again.

8 In November 2018, you're on Invoice
9 1019. In May 2019, six months later, you're
10 only on Invoice 1024.

11 That means SD -- SDC-Gadot only
12 issued four invoices between those two in
13 six months; right?

14 A. If you give me a minute, I'll
15 go over it. I'll see all the entries
16 from the bank.

17 (Examining.) Yes. There are
18 very few entries indeed.

19 Q. Meaning that SDC-Gadot didn't
20 issue many invoices that weren't related
21 to Project Beech; correct?

22 A. Are you talking about the entire
23 period or only about these four months?

24 Q. It's six months. But yes.

25 A. Out of five invoices, there are

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:

2 Q. And who -- who obtained that stamp?

3 A. I believe we probably bought it
4 in some shop.

5 Q. And why is it only used on that
6 one particular invoice, if you know?

7 A. Perhaps we lost it afterwards.
8 I really don't know.

9 Q. Do you have any other invoices
10 besides the ones you've seen here?

11 A. Tomorrow. I have to check.
12 I have nothing on me here.

13 MR. BARET: I should have been
14 a doctor. I should have been a doctor.
15 (Exhibit 7 marked.)

16 BY MR. BEHRE:

17 Q. I'm showing you next -- showing
18 you next more Gadot invoices. It appears
19 to be 18 in number. And these are 18
20 invoices issued in 2016 through August
21 2017.

22 A. In August 2016 to August 2017,
23 the U.S. companies were not set up yet.

24 Q. Correct.

25 But I'm directing your attention

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1 to the "Description" line where we just
2 looked at a draft contract that you said
3 you didn't recall. And yet these invoices
4 all say:
5 "IT security services Beech
6 Project."
7 Do you see that?
8 A. (Examining.) Yes.
9 Q. And come 2017, the difficulties
10 you were having with getting wire transfers
11 caused these to stop and you to use SDC-Gadot;
12 correct?
13 A. No. The transfers by Stuart from
14 Dubai to Israel were not possible.
15 Q. (Partially translated.) Well, the
16 Stuart company is Page Protective Services.
17 And they have an address in Hong
18 Kong; right?
19 A. To the best of my understanding,
20 we had agreed that we would focus on the
21 U.S. companies. And because you came
22 all the way from the United States, I
23 was happy to expand and give you some
24 further information beyond what we had
25 originally agreed upon.

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1 We are -- are in the midst of a
2 procedure vis-a-vis the Court to determine
3 what can be asked and what cannot be asked.
4 And these questions relate to Gadot Israel.
5 Q. (Not translated.) What is Project
6 Silk?
7 THE COURT REPORTER: Project?
8 BY MR. BEHRE:
9 Q. (Not translated.) What is Project
10 Silk?
11 THE INTERPRETER: "Silk"?
12 MR. BEHRE: Like the fabric.
13 (Pending question translated.)
14 THE WITNESS: Another project
15 which is not connected to the -- to the
16 client.
17 BY MR. BEHRE:
18 Q. Does it involve Khater Massaad?
19 A. If the truth be told, I do not
20 remember fully. But generally speaking,
21 everything that was related to Khater
22 Massaad went into the Beech Project.
23 Q. But Project Silk might have
24 involved Khater Massaad?
25 A. To the best of my recollection,

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1 no.
2 Q. We talked earlier about Avi,
3 who's pled guilty in New York to hacking;
4 correct?
5 A. Correct.
6 Q. And in your case in Florida,
7 you filed some text messages between
8 you and Stuart Page in that case.
9 Do you remember that?
10 A. You mean about Avi's case?
11 Q. (Not translated.) Well, I'm
12 asking about a series of text message
13 exchanges between you and Stuart Page.
14 Do you remember that was attached
15 to your filing in the U.S. District Court
16 in Florida?
17 A. But it's not connected to Avi.
18 (Exhibit 8 marked.)
19 BY MR. BEHRE:
20 Q. Okay. Well, let -- let me show
21 it to you.
22 I'm going to show you Exhibit 5
23 to your motion for protective order. And
24 it's -- and it's -- it was filed electronically
25 in U.S. District Court in Florida on June

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1 14th, 2022. And it's Document 26-5. It
2 was filed by you through your counsel.
3 A. Okay. (Examining.)
4 Q. You had a chance to look at that?
5 A. Yes.
6 Q. Directing your attention to the
7 last page of the e-mail exchange.
8 MR. BARET: WhatsApp. WhatsApp.
9 MR. BEHRE: I'm sorry?
10 MR. BARET: I think it's, like,
11 a WhatsApp.
12 MR. BEHRE: WhatsApp. I'm sorry.
13 BY MR. BEHRE:
14 Q. Is this WhatsApp?
15 A. (In English.) Yeah.
16 (Translated.) Yes.
17 Q. And you recently pulled this off
18 of your WhatsApp so your lawyer could file
19 it in court; right?
20 A. It wasn't recent. I -- I had
21 saved it in the past as a picture.
22 Q. And have you saved any other
23 WhatsApps between you and Stuart Page?
24 A. I have to scan and see.
25 Q. Okay. And will you do that?

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1 A. Yes.
2 Q. On the last page, you indicate --
3 and this is part of your -- the carry-over
4 statement:
5 "As you know, I'm not really
6 in the business since what happened"
7 to "Avi." (As read.)
8 What did you mean by that?
9 A. In my -- my meaning was that
10 it's a -- it's a date that we are both
11 familiar with. It's a date that indicates
12 more or less when the activity in Israel
13 went down. But it went down mostly because
14 of COVID.
15 Besides, what happened to Avi,
16 in my opinion, it's some type of miscarriage
17 of justice. But it is not connected to --
18 to this.
19 Q. Well, what happened to Avi is
20 Avi got arrested; right?
21 A. I don't even recall if I meant
22 this Avi when I'm saying "Avi" here,
23 because the other guy is Aviram, not
24 Avi. So I'm not even sure that I'm
25 referring to the same person.

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1 (Comment in Hebrew.)
2 MR. BARET: You don't have to
3 talk about that.
4 THE INTERPRETER: "Furthermore,
5 my correspondence here -- here with Stuart
6 is -- well, never mind."
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. (Not translated.) Well, the
9 "I'm not really in the business since
10 what happened to Avi," Avi was arrested
11 and charged with hacking. Avi's pled
12 guilty and confessed to hacking. And he
13 was in the business of hacking.
14 And the business you're referring
15 to is hacking, isn't it?
16 A. (In English.) No.
17 THE COURT REPORTER: You said
18 "yeah"? "No"?
19 THE INTERPRETER: "No."
20 THE WITNESS: (In English.) "No."
21 THE INTERPRETER: He said "no."
22 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. Let
23 her translate.
24 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.
25 MR. BEHRE: He didn't need a

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1 translation on that, did he?
2 (Last question translated.)
3 THE WITNESS: First and foremost,
4 the person who was arrested was Aviram and
5 not Avi. And, second, there's no connection.
6 And, thirdly, I'm corresponding
7 here with a person who is libeling me.
8 So what do you expect?
9 BY MR. BEHRE:
10 Q. (Not translated.) Would it
11 surprise you if Stuart Page was certain
12 you were talking about the Avi who's
13 arrested for hacking?
14 MR. BARET: You don't have
15 to talk about this.
16 He doesn't need to --
17 MR. BEHRE: Why not?
18 MR. BARET: -- address this.
19 MR. BEHRE: What's that?
20 MR. BARET: Again, this was
21 provided to the Court with a motion for
22 protective order not to depose Amit Forlit
23 in his personal capacity. It's got nothing
24 to do with SDC-Gadot.
25 Again, you are confusing two --

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1 two different filings. This -- this was
2 filed with a motion for protective order.
3 And you are bypassing our request for
4 protection order.
5 MR. BEHRE: No. It was. It
6 was filed in Federal Court.
7 MR. BARET: Correct.
8 MR. BEHRE: It was filed on
9 PACER via electronic --
10 MR. BARET: Correct.
11 MR. BEHRE: -- means.
12 MR. BARET: For the purpose of --
13 MR. BEHRE: And it's -- it's --
14 it's arguably a statement about his business,
15 which is the same as Avi's, which is hacking.
16 MR. BARET: He's -- he's --
17 MR. BEHRE: Now --
18 MR. BARET: He answered that.
19 MR. BEHRE: -- if you want to --
20 if you want to say that that's not something
21 we can reach, you can say it.
22 MR. BARET: I'm saying it.
23 MR. BEHRE: But it's going to
24 be an -- okay. Then you've instructed
25 him not to answer; right?

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1 MR. BARET: I'm instructing
2 him not to talk about this, because this
3 is -- relates directly to his motion for
4 protective order not to be deposed in his --
5 MR. BEHRE: Well, he --
6 MR. BARET: -- personal --
7 MR. BEHRE: -- opened --
8 MR. BARET: -- capacity.
9 MR. BEHRE: -- the door -- he
10 opened the door to this. And if you want
11 this to go before the judge in Florida, we
12 can do that. But, you know -- you know how
13 that judge has already started to view him.
14 So if you want --
15 MR. BARET: Because --
16 MR. BEHRE: -- to instruct him not
17 to answer, you -- you -- be my -- if -- if
18 that's your instruction, you go ahead.
19 MR. BARET: He answered. But I
20 think this line of questioning is inappropriate
21 for the purpose of this deposition.
22 MR. BEHRE: Okay. I'll move on.
23 And we can raise it with the Court. Okay?
24 (Exhibit 9 marked.)
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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. I'm showing you next what we're
3 marking as Exhibit 9. It's a September 7,
4 2019, e-mail from your banker at Citi.
5 His name is Mario Ros, R-o-s. And it's
6 regarding your account with Citi.
7 A. (Examining.)
8 Q. Do you recognize that exhibit?
9 A. Yes. But I do not remember this
10 mail.
11 Q. And Mr. Ros at Citibank is e-mailing
12 you because at least he believes you're the
13 person responsible for that bank account
14 that we talked about earlier today; right?
15 A. He's trying to sell some banking
16 service.
17 MR. BEHRE: Okay. Why don't we
18 take a quick break.
19 THE WITNESS: (Comment in Hebrew.)
20 MR. BARET: I think we're done
21 with our -- today. It was set for -- from
22 11:00 to 6:00.
23 MR. BEHRE: 7:00.
24 MR. BARET: Till 7:00?
25 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the

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1 record at 6:03.
2 (Recess from 6:03 p.m. to 6:12 p.m.
3 Israel Daylight Time.)
4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on record
5 at 6:12.
6 BY MR. BEHRE:
7 Q. (Not translated.) Mr. Forlit,
8 you indicated you might have some documents.
9 Just so we're clear, do you have
10 any copies of the project updates left?
11 A. (In English.) No.
12 (Exhibit 10 marked.)
13 BY MR. BEHRE:
14 Q. I'd like to show you what we're
15 going to mark as Exhibit No. 10. It's --
16 it's labeled or titled:
17 "Project Beech Report - Farhad
18 Azima."
19 A. (Examining.)
20 MR. BARET: Looks good for his
21 age, actually.
22 MR. BEHRE: What?
23 MR. BARET: He looks good for
24 his age.
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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. Have you had a chance to look
3 at that report?
4 A. Yes.
5 Q. And this is one of the Project
6 Beech reports, isn't it?
7 A. I can't tell. I did not keep
8 it.
9 Q. Well, you were involved in its
10 authorship, weren't you?
11 A. This is -- this is dated four --
12 August 4, 2015 -- 2015. It's, like, seven
13 years. And I -- we have not kept any record.
14 We have destroyed everything. So I can't
15 tell.
16 Q. Well, at 11:24 this morning, you
17 stated as follows:
18 "I have never investigated Farhas --
19 Farhad Azima. The investigation was of
20 Dr. Khater Massaad."
21 A. Correct.
22 Q. And this report starts and states
23 as follows:
24 "The following document presents
25 a full intelligence report on Farhad Azima."

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1 And he's -- and he's given the
2 nickname of "the Generator"; right?
3 The second line.
4 A. I say, once again, I do not know
5 who wrote this report.
6 Q. And the third line states -- and
7 I'll quote:
8 "The main effort is placed in
9 order to assist the client in taking the
10 generator out of the dispute between KM
11 and the client."
12 End quote.
13 (Brief telephone interruption.)
14 BY MR. BEHRE:
15 Q. So this report talks about taking
16 out Farhad Azima, doesn't it?
17 A. I did not go through it thoroughly
18 right now. It's possible that there is
19 a report. But I'm saying again, I do not
20 know who wrote this report.
21 Q. Well, let me direct your attention
22 to a few things.
23 Look at page 3. There's a --
24 MR. BARET: Again, same objection
25 as before.

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1 He answered some questions regarding
2 this report. He said he didn't write it or
3 know whose write it. [sic] It's -- again,
4 it's not SDC-Gadot. It's two years before
5 the cooperation of which has been represented
6 today was created.
7 If you get a chance to depose --
8 MR. BEHRE: His --
9 MR. BARET: -- him on a personal
10 level, then we can go back --
11 MR. BEHRE: He opened the door.
12 He opened the door to this by saying:
13 I never --
14 MR. BARET: SDC --
15 MR. BEHRE: -- investigated --
16 MR. BARET: -- Gadot -- SDC --
17 MR. BEHRE: Hold on.
18 MR. BARET: -- Gadot --
19 MR. BEHRE: No, no, no.
20 MR. BARET: -- didn't open --
21 MR. BEHRE: No.
22 MR. BARET: -- the door. It's
23 SDC-Gadot.
24 MR. BEHRE: Let me read you the
25 quote.

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1 "I have never investigated Farhad
2 Azima," period.
3 MR. BARET: True. And he said --
4 MR. BEHRE: This --
5 MR. BARET: And he --
6 MR. BEHRE: -- report establishes
7 that not only did they investigate Farhad
8 Azima --
9 MR. BARET: Who's "they"?
10 MR. BEHRE: -- they targeted him.
11 MR. BARET: Who's "they"?
12 MR. BEHRE: This report was written
13 by your client.
14 MR. BARET: He's -- he's saying he
15 didn't write it.
16 MR. BEHRE: He can say that. But
17 I can ask him about it.
18 MR. BARET: But he already answered --
19 MR. BEHRE: He can --
20 MR. BARET: -- it.
21 MR. BEHRE: -- deny it under oath,
22 if he'd like.
23 MR. BARET: He just did.
24 MR. BEHRE: But that doesn't prevent
25 me from asking the questions.

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1 MR. BARET: It -- it does, because --
2 MR. BEHRE: So if you want to -- if
3 you want to instruct him not to answer, we'll
4 do this some more.
5 Is that what -- are you instructing
6 him --
7 MR. BARET: I'm --
8 MR. BEHRE: -- not to answer?
9 MR. BARET: I'm saying that it's
10 not the subject of today's deposition.
11 MR. BEHRE: It is --
12 MR. BARET: It's not --
13 MR. BEHRE: -- because --
14 MR. BARET: -- the subject --
15 MR. BEHRE: Let me tell you why
16 it is.
17 Because he opened the door to it.
18 By saying he didn't investigate Farhad Azima,
19 he can be impeached with his own report --
20 MR. BARET: But that's not his
21 report.
22 MR. BEHRE: -- that proves that
23 he lied earlier today about investigating
24 Farhad Azima.
25 MR. BARET: That's what you're

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1 saying. He's saying --
2 MR. BEHRE: I -- it is --
3 MR. BARET: -- he didn't write --
4 MR. BEHRE: -- what I'm saying.
5 MR. BARET: -- this -- but he's
6 saying he didn't write this report.
7 Do you have any --
8 MR. BEHRE: Well, he can --
9 MR. BARET: -- proof --
10 MR. BEHRE: -- he can say --
11 MR. BARET: -- that he wrote
12 this report?
13 MR. BEHRE: -- that all he wants.
14 MR. BARET: He just did.
15 MR. BEHRE: But I can examine,
16 because it's a deposition.
17 If you want to instruct him not
18 to answer, be my guest. And we'll do this
19 all again. And we will seek costs for
20 this entire trip.
21 MR. BARET: All I'm saying is
22 that he answered it, that he said he's --
23 it's not his report. Now, if he wants
24 to continue answering, it's his choice.
25 Go ahead, answer.

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1 BY MR. BEHRE:
2 Q. (Not translated.) So if you look
3 at page 3, there's what clearly appears to
4 be a stolen copy of Farhad Azima's passport.
5 If you look at page 6, you'll see --
6 THE INTERPRETER: May I? Counsel,
7 may I?
8 (Last comment translated.)
9 BY MR. BEHRE:
10 Q. If you look at page 6, there
11 is data about the specific balance, down
12 to the U.S. dollar, in his bank accounts,
13 stolen financial data.
14 And if you look at page 7, there's
15 more stolen financial data about his brokerage
16 accounts at HSBC and Credit Suisse, right
17 down to the dollar.
18 Do you see that?
19 A. Yes.
20 Q. Look at page 10 and 11.
21 Did you prepare these organizational
22 charts, or people under your direction?
23 A. No.
24 Q. Do you know who did?
25 A. No.

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1 Q. And if you look at page 12 and
2 13, there's extracts of financial data
3 regarding business opportunities that
4 the, quote, "Generator," was involved
5 in.
6 And the same on page 14 and
7 15 and 16, all stolen financial data.
8 And then on page 18, there's another
9 stolen passport.
10 And then on page 21, another
11 stolen passport. And 22, another stolen
12 passport. And 24, another stolen passport
13 and a driver's license.
14 And then on page 27, extracts
15 of his stolen e-mails, from Farhad Azima.
16 Do you see that stolen e-mail
17 that's embedded in this report?
18 A. Yes.
19 Q. More stolen e-mails on 30 -- page
20 30 and 31 and 32 and 33.
21 Where did these e-mails come from?
22 A. I do not know. I can estimate
23 that, based on all his e-mails that were
24 leaked, someone prepared that report.
25 Q. Well, this is almost a year

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1 before the data was placed on the Internet.
2 The date --
3 A. If you believe what is written
4 here.
5 Q. The date?
6 A. Yes.
7 Q. So you think this is a falsified
8 date?
9 A. I don't know. I have no clue.
10 Q. Well, at 11:41 this morning, you
11 said that the reports you wrote started with
12 an executive summary; right?
13 A. Correct.
14 Q. And you also stated that they were
15 followed by a breakdown of the findings of
16 the investigation; correct?
17 A. Correct.
18 Q. And that's exactly what this report
19 does, doesn't it?
20 A. I also said that I -- I sent them
21 in an open format to Mr. Stuart Page. And
22 I also said that I did not retain any report.
23 Q. Were you involved in writing this
24 report?
25 A. No.

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1 Q. A few minutes ago, you said you --
2 you weren't sure one way or the other.
3 Why are you now sure you weren't
4 involved in it?
5 A. Because I see that this is a
6 report of an investigation on Farhad Azima.
7 And we never investigated Farhad Azima.
8 (Exhibit 11 marked.)
9 BY MR. BEHRE:
10 Q. (Partially translated.) I'm
11 showing you next what has been marked
12 as Exhibit No. 11. It's entitled:
13 "Project Beech - Comprehensive
14 Action Plan."
15 It's dated January 26, 2016.
16 THE INTERPRETER: What's the
17 date?
18 MR. BEHRE: January 26, 2016.
19 Please --
20 (Remainder of pending question
21 translated.)
22 THE WITNESS: (Examining.)
23 BY MR. BEHRE:
24 Q. Have you had a chance to read
25 that?

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1 A. (In English.) Yeah.
2 (Translated.) Just I scanned
3 through it as quickly as I could.
4 Q. And that's one of the Project
5 Beech reports you prepared, isn't it?
6 A. I have no way of knowing, because
7 I didn't keep any of the documents. It's
8 possible that we prepared part of it and
9 parts of it were added by Stuart afterwards.
10 I have no way of knowing.
11 Q. Directing your attention to the
12 second page, there's a photograph embedded
13 in this graph, or this chart, with a
14 photograph of Farhad Azima and Khater
15 Massaad.
16 Do you see that?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. And the legend of the chart says
19 those items in red suggest targets for
20 future attack.
21 Do you see that?
22 A. Yes.
23 Q. And so not only was Mr. Azima
24 being investigated, he was being targeted
25 and attacked, wasn't he?

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1 A. First of all, I don't remember
2 if this report was even produced by us.
3 And by "attack," it means an intelligence
4 attack.
5 Q. (Not translated.) Previously
6 you said that Farhad Azima was not
7 investigated.
8 A. And that's why I have doubts
9 as to whether this is indeed a report
10 that we produced.
11 Q. Look at the third page. Quote:
12 "We have been supplying the
13 client with intelligence 'ammunition'
14 against KM and other relevant players
15 such as SI and FA."
16 End quote.
17 "FA" is Farhad Azima, isn't it?
18 A. I don't know who the "we" is.
19 Q. Look at page 6. The heading is
20 entitled:
21 "PR and Media Tools against FA."
22 Do you see that?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. And you can see there that it's
25 talking about, in the second paragraph:

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1 "There are other issues
2 that can be" effectively -- "effective
3 regarding FA's reputation and even
4 pose him a criminal exposure." (As read.)
5 End quote.
6 Do you see that?
7 A. Yes.
8 Q. So it's clear, from that entry
9 at this page 6, that Farhad Azima was
10 being investigated, he was being targeted,
11 and he was being exposed as a potential,
12 having criminal liability.
13 Do you see that?
14 A. I didn't say he wasn't. I just
15 said that I and the people that I represent
16 didn't do it. Fact -- it -- the fact is
17 that somebody hacked him.
18 Q. Look at page 7.
19 "We have access to a groundbreaking
20 technology."
21 And that's a quote.
22 That groundbreaking technology
23 was hacking, wasn't it?
24 A. No. First of all, I don't know
25 who wrote this document and who has this

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1 technology. And if somebody has hacking
2 ability, they just write that they can
3 hack.
4 Q. And then on page 9, the war
5 terms continue:
6 "In order to eliminate FA's
7 activity" against the -- "regarding
8 the client," it says. (As read.)
9 Do you see that?
10 A. Where is it approximately on
11 the page?
12 Q. (Not translated.) Page 9 --
13 THE INTERPRETER: Page --
14 BY MR. BEHRE:
15 Q. (Not translated.) -- under:
16 "5. Involvement of" the "U.S.
17 Relevant Authorities." (As read.)
18 A. This looks like a strategic document
19 that somebody prepared. And this -- this
20 is not a subject we deal with.
21 Q. Well, not only does this document
22 entitled "Project Beech" --
23 MR. BARET: Excuse me. That's
24 not what he said.
25 He said: "It's not our document."

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1 THE INTERPRETER: Aah, you're right.
2 Thank you.
3 MR. BARET: Okay.
4 THE INTERPRETER: "And it's not our
5 document."
6 Thank you.
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. This document is labeled:
9 "Project Beech."
10 You were involved in Project Beech.
11 And this establishes, just like the last
12 document, contrary to your testimony, that
13 Farhad Azima was not only being investigated,
14 he was being attacked, he was being targeted,
15 and he was in jeopardy because of that.
16 Isn't that right?
17 A. As I said, my reports on Project
18 Beech were sent to Stuart Page in an open
19 format. I don't know who else Stuart used
20 the name Project Beech with. He made up
21 that name.
22 I know that we did not investigate
23 Farhad Azima. We did not target him as
24 a target. But it's quite clear that
25 somebody did, because somebody hacked

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1 and leaked his computers.
2 And based on the procedures
3 that are used in the U.S., I think you
4 know who it is.
5 Q. And who would that be?
6 A. Nick Del Rosso. According --
7 based on the proceedings against Nick
8 Del Rosso, I conclude that.
9 Q. And what's your basis for
10 saying Nick Del Rosso is the party who
11 wrote this report?
12 Is that what you're saying?
13 A. I didn't say Nick Del Rosso
14 wrote this report. I said that we did
15 not write this report.
16 And based on all the proceedings
17 that are being carried out, the person
18 who is responsible for the hack and the
19 leaks of the hacking is Nick Del Rosso.
20 Q. Now, you indicated that Nick
21 Del Rosso and Stuart Page did not get
22 along; right?
23 A. I heard from Stuart that he
24 didn't like, to put it mildly, Nick Del
25 Rosso. But I -- I didn't even know if

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1 they knew each other.
2 Q. And the reason Stuart Page
3 didn't like Nick Del Rosso is because
4 Stuart Page thought Nick Del Rosso was
5 taking business away from Stuart Page;
6 correct?
7 A. I don't know.
8 Q. (Not translated.) Nick Del
9 Rosso didn't report to Stuart Page,
10 did he, because they hated each other?
11 A. To the best of my knowledge,
12 no.
13 Q. And so, therefore, Nick Del
14 Rosso is not a likely suspect for the
15 content of this report, since he would
16 have had to give it to his archenemy,
17 Stuart Page, to incorporate it in the
18 report; right?
19 A. (Translated.) I'm not attributing
20 this report to anyone's authorship. I'm
21 just saying that we didn't write it and
22 we did not investigate --
23 (In English.) Farhad Azima.
24 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry. It's
25 late.

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1 MR. BARET: Say "FA." Just
2 use --
3 THE INTERPRETER: "FA."
4 MR. BARET: -- "FA."
5 THE INTERPRETER: Yeah. It's
6 late in the day.
7 BY MR. BEHRE:
8 Q. Stuart Page paid you millions
9 of dollars and your company, including
10 SDC-Gadot; correct?
11 A. That is correct.
12 Q. And -- and he paid you to
13 perform work for Project Beech; correct?
14 A. Yes, he paid me. But I don't
15 know how much he charged for it. I don't
16 know what proportion of what he got he
17 paid me.
18 The bottom line is I don't know
19 what reports were submitted to the client.
20 I know what I sent to Stuart Page. But
21 I don't know what he submitted afterwards.
22 Q. Do you know what portion of this
23 particular report, Exhibit 11, you provided
24 to Stuart Page?
25 A. No. We don't have any documentation

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1 of these reports in our records. I don't
2 know.
3 Q. Well, Stuart Page was your boss.
4 And he paid you millions of dollars. And
5 he said you and your team authored every
6 one of these project updates about Project
7 Beech.
8 Is that accurate?
9 A. Stuart Page told me, before
10 he gave his affidavit, that he tried
11 to commit suicide twice because they
12 pressured him and forced him to cooperate.
13 What I know is that we sent
14 reports to Stuart Page, at his request
15 the reports were left open, and that
16 we did not investigate Farhad Azima.
17 Q. (Not translated.) Earlier
18 today you had some, I think, ten or
19 eleven pages of notes. And we'd ask
20 that that be marked as an exhibit since
21 the witness had it in front of him.
22 MR. BARET: He did not use it.
23 It's privileged. It's notes we prepared
24 just going over --
25 MR. BEHRE: His notes were prepared

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1 in your presence?
2 MR. BARET: Yes.
3 MR. BEHRE: Okay. One second. I'm
4 almost done. Okay. That's all I have. Thank
5 you very much.
6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the
7 record at 6:49.
8 (The deposition concluded at 6:49 p.m.
9 Israel Daylight Time.)
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4 hereby certify:
5 That, prior to being examined, the
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7 asked to acknowledge that their testimony will
8 be true under the penalties of perjury and will
9 be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
10 the truth.
11 That the foregoing deposition was taken
12 before me, at which time the aforesaid proceedings
13 were stenographically recorded by me and thereafter
14 transcribed by me;
15 That the foregoing transcript, as typed,
16 is a true record of the said proceedings;
17 And I further certify that I am not
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3 I, AMIT FORLIT, witness herein, do
4 hereby certify and declare the within and
5 foregoing transcription to be my examination
6 under oath in said action taken on July 20,
7 2022, with the exception of the changes
8 listed on the errata sheet, if any;

9 That I have read, corrected, and
10 do hereby affix my signature under penalty
11 of perjury to said examination under oath.
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